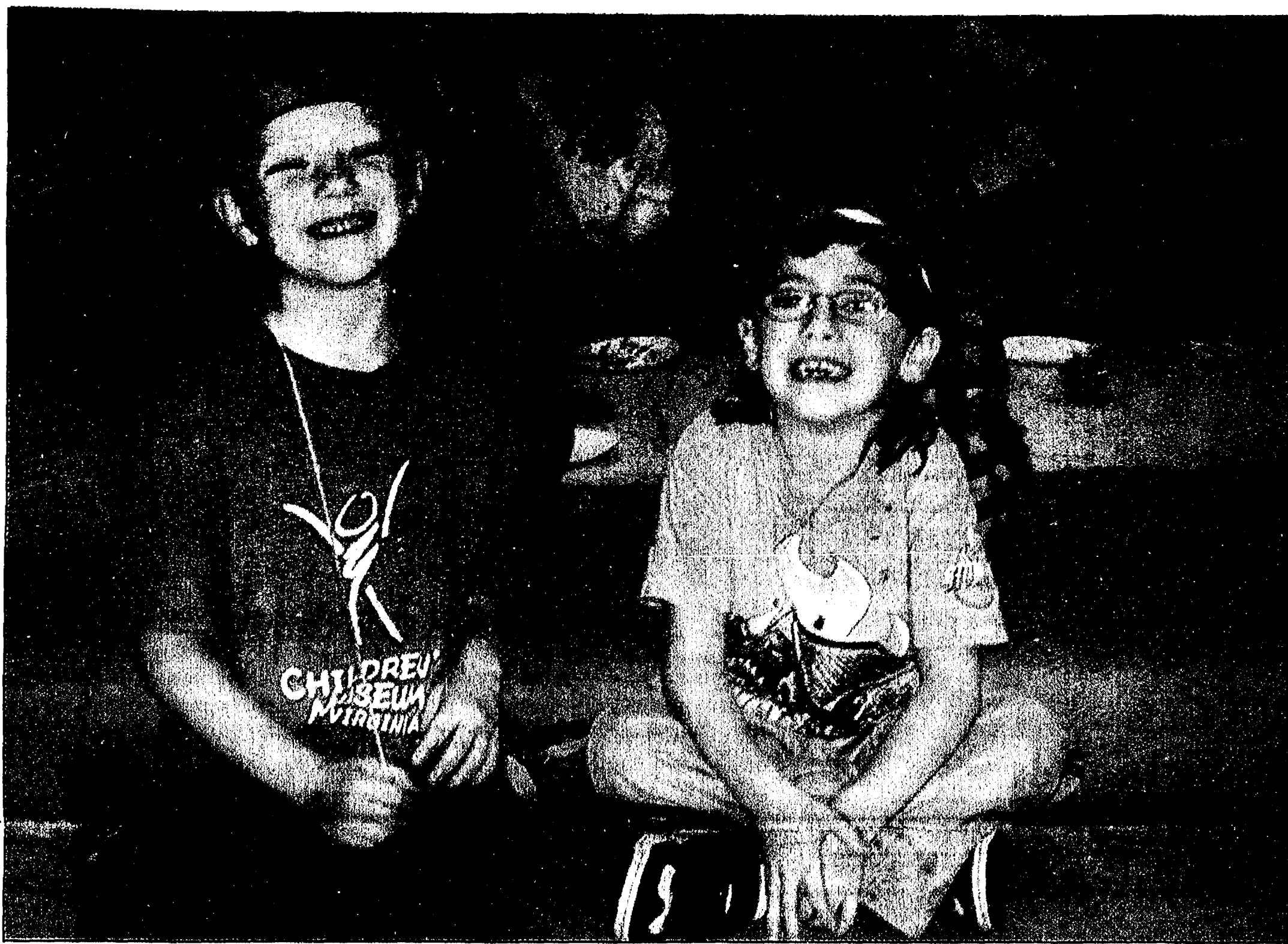


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THANKSGIVING FEAST



Kindergartners at the AuSable Primary School held their own Thanksgiving Day Feast as they dressed up as pilgrims and Native Americans. Above, Justin Parkinson and Josef Roberts, who are in Karla Goetz's kindergarten class, enjoy their meal.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Santa Stroll to be held downtown

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Families are encouraged to come to downtown Grayling to get into the holiday spirit during the community's first Santa Stroll, which will feature a petting zoo, trolley rides and the Santa parade.

The Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA) is holding the Santa Stroll from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10.

GUDA opted to hold the Santa Stroll in addition to the Christmas Walk this year to have an event for children in the community in order to help them turn their Christmas spirit up a notch just after Thanksgiving.

"It's for the young and old, but it's mainly geared for the kids," said April Bertram, chairperson for the Santa Stroll.

Santa's Stroll begins with Santa's parade at 5 p.m. in front of Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. The parade will then proceed down Michigan Avenue taking Santa to the Crawford County Courthouse. Santa will be on hand to visit with children until 8 p.m. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to bring their own cameras to get pictures of their youngsters with Santa.

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Board approves employee contracts

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education approved contracts with its administrative staff and directors at its recent meeting.

The board ratified its contract with the district's new Superintendent Joe Powers, who assumed the school chief's role in October.

Powers replaced Milli Haug, who had been the district's former superintendent for four years. Haug resigned in August to take a superintendent's position for the Coldwater Community School District in southern Michigan.

The board also ratified contracts with Michael Duncel, the district's business manager, Daniel Pummell, the high school principal, Melissa Stone, the assistant high school principal, Jeff Branch, the middle school principal, Angela Camp, the Grayling Elementary principal, Barbara Mick, the AuSable

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Drivers our 'heroes of the day'

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Like troops working on a distribution line, dozens of volunteers served and packaged hundreds of meals which were delivered to Crawford County area residents for Thanksgiving.

Over 400 meals were delivered by the volunteers for the 12th annual Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner held at the Camp Grayling Armory on Thanksgiving Day. Over 150 people were served dinner at the armory.

Volunteers moved the dinner to Camp Grayling this year because the Knights of Columbus Hall is being used by St. Mary's Church while the church building undergoes a \$2 million addition and renovation project.

The community dinner was initially organized by Therese and Skip Kaiser at the St. John's Lutheran Church in order to provide meals to people who could not host families for the holiday, or travel to visit with families.

Dozens of volunteers packaged meals in bags and delivered them to residents throughout the county. More deliveries

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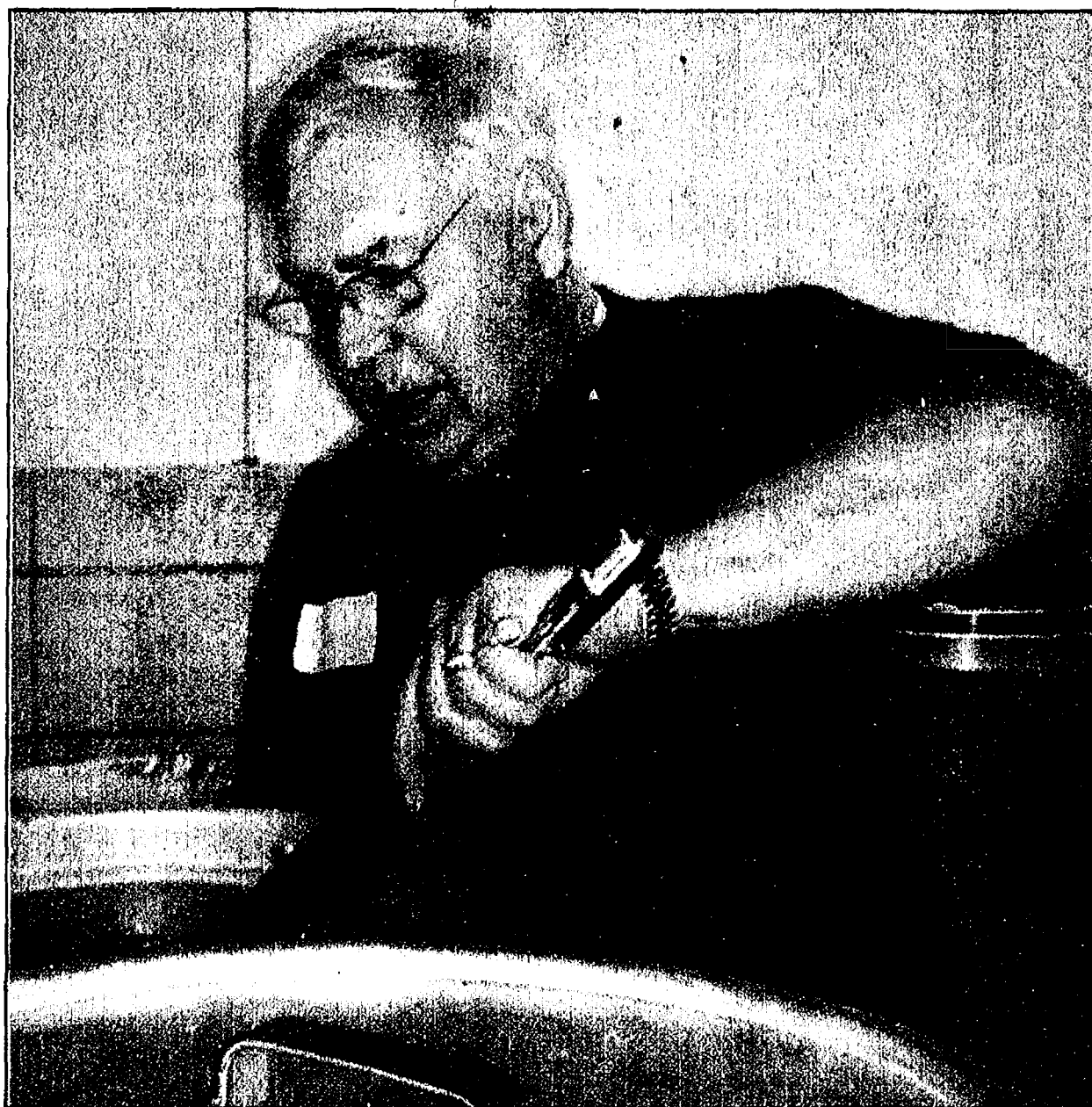


Photo by Dan Sanderson

Gene Pawlanta, the owner of the Frederic Inn who has helped prepared and served the Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner for 11 years, stirs a huge pot of gravy while volunteers waited for residents to come to the Camp Grayling Armory for the holiday meal.

Resumes sought for council seat

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council will be taking resumes for potential city council candidates for the next three weeks.

The city council on Monday opted to have people apply for the city council seat vacated by Joe Ferrigan, who served as the city's mayor for two years. Ferrigan resigned from the Grayling City Council on Monday, Nov. 14.

Ferrigan, the building trades instructor at Grayling High School, is now serving as the head wrestling coach for Grayling High School and stepped down from his position with the city to devote more time to the team and his family.

Anyone interested in filling out the two-year unexpired term on the city panel is encouraged to file a resume with Grayling City Clerk Michele Moshier. The deadline for resumes is Thursday, Dec. 22.

The council will review the applications for a possible appointment at its Monday, Jan. 9 meeting.

Larry Akers, who has been on the council for two years, was elected to serve as the city's new mayor.

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Sleds stolen in Grayling Township

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies arrested two Grayling area men for stealing snowmobiles on Saturday.

David Michael Baker, 31, and Charles Lewis Williams, 20, were arraigned in Crawford County District Court on Monday for two charges of larceny over \$1,000 but less than \$20,000.

The snowmobiles were stolen from two locations in Grayling Township around 5 a.m. on Saturday.

After receiving reports, deputies witnessed two snowmobiles fitting the description of the stolen equipment traveling near the south end of the I-75 Business Loop.

Officers attempted to stop the sleds near Charlie's County Corner, but both drivers fled through the woods on the snowmobile trails.

After further investigation by Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies, Grayling City Police Officers, Michigan State Police troopers and Michigan Department of Natural Resources officers, both sleds were recovered and Baker and Williams were arrested near the Hanson Hills Ski Resort.

Both men remain in the Crawford County Jail in lieu of posting \$5,000 cash bonds.

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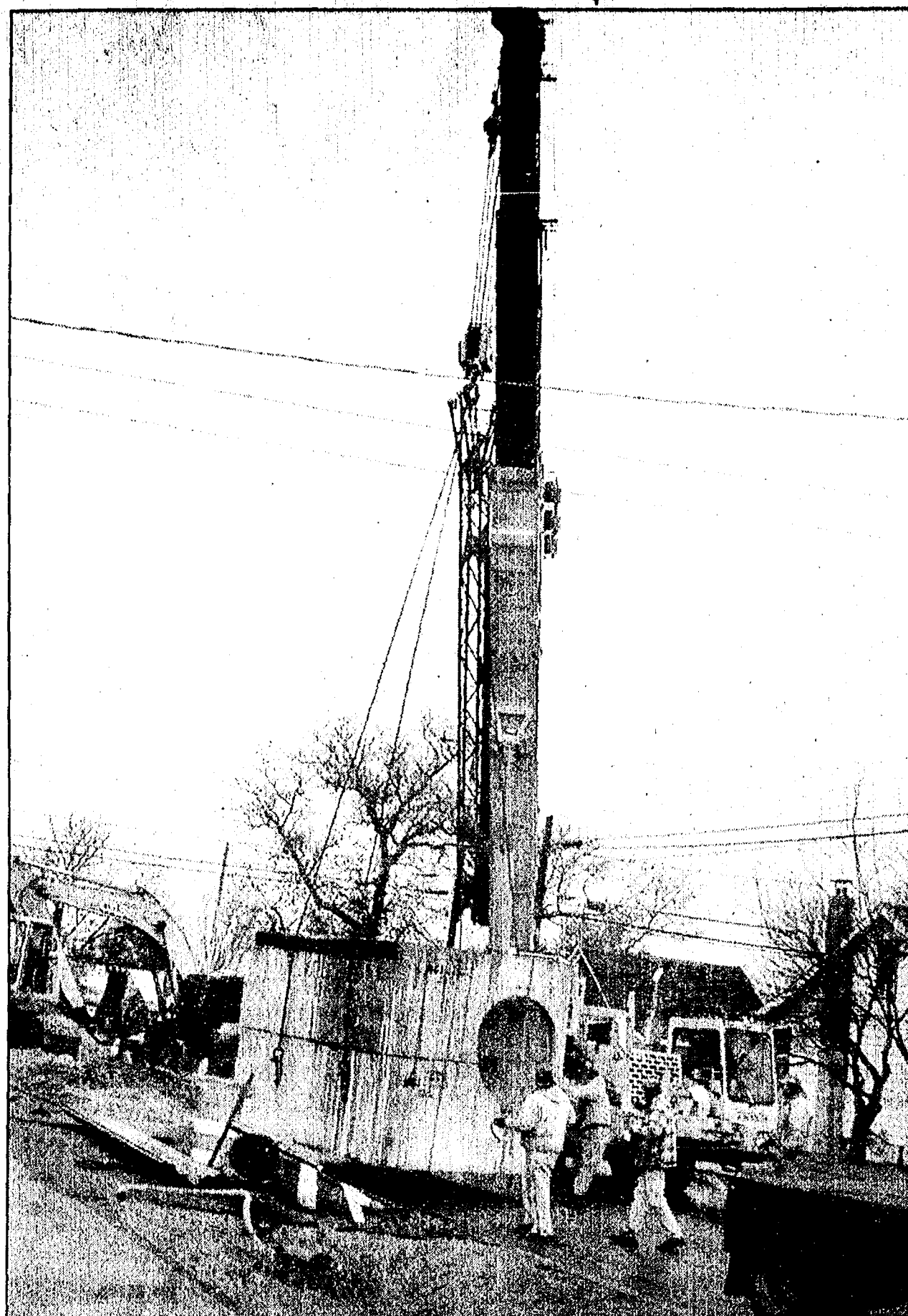


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Maple Street, which has been detoured the past couple week, was opened to traffic on Tuesday. Huckins Contracting of Beaverton completed work on the city's stormwater project as well as replacing a water main on Maple Street which will improve the efficiency of the city's water system. Above, a huge crane was used to unload a vortech unit, which separates oil and grit from the stormwater before it will flow into the AuSable River.

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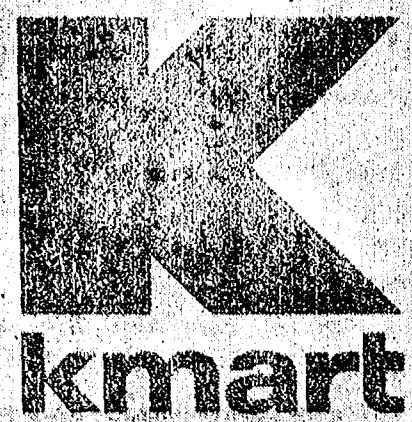
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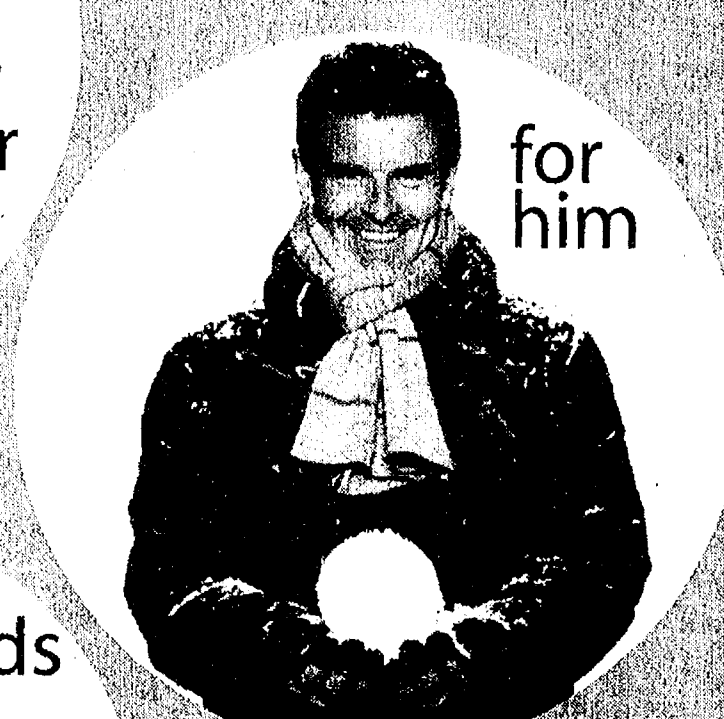
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RAKING THE ROOF



In an anticipation for more severe winter weather and rain showers, Tim Minnick rakes the snow off the roof of his home in Grayling on Friday. Photo by Dan Sanderson

Deputies Christmas tree sale supports programs

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies are encouraging people to throw in a wreath along with their Christmas tree as they get into the holiday spirit.

The Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association annual Christmas tree sale begins Friday in the K-Mart parking lot.

Current and retired sheriff's deputies man the tree sale, which is held from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Deputies are selling wreaths

this year, which is a new feature of the fund-raiser, which are available for \$15.

Trees are available in many shapes and sizes. Prices have remained the same. Scotch pines - \$15, Blue Spruce - \$25, Douglas Fir and Black Hills - \$30.

Proceeds from the tree sale will help fund many activities organized throughout the year by the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association including the annual Bicycle Rodeo, the Halloween Safety Education Program and the Cops for Kids

Holiday Program.

The Cops for Kids Holiday Program puts deputies together with local at-risk children for a shopping trip to buy needed items such as hats, mittens and clothing. The outing creates lasting friendships, gives a boost of self-esteem to the children and gives deputies another way to serve the community.

The families of the children involved in the program receive food baskets donated by the Grayling Eagles.

For residents who opt not to buy their tree through the

deputies, but wish to support youth programs, monetary donations are appreciated.

Checks and money orders should be made payable to CCDSA and mailed to the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association Office, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI, 49738.

For further information regarding the tree sale of the Crawford County Deputy Sheriff's Association, contact Theresa Andrews at 344-3213.

Santa Stroll to be held downtown

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Mrs. Claus will be at the Devereaux Memorial Library, reading stories to the children. The Friends of the Library will also be holding a book sale.

The Barnyard Babies' Petting Zoo will be at the gazebo located by Flowers By Josie, and children can pet and feed the animals.

A trolley, run by the Crawford County Transportation Authority,

will be operating during Santa's Stroll. The trolley will transport families from the library to the courthouse and to Mercy Hospital Grayling, where the gift shop will be open for business. Downtown merchants will be open during Santa Stroll for Christmas shopping, and several non-profit groups and service clubs will also have displays where they will be selling snacks and other items.

The Live Nativity will be on display at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church during Santa's Stroll. The church will also be serving a light supper and holding a cookie walk.

In the spirit of "Back Home To the Heart of Christmas," the theme for the Santa Stroll and Christmas Walk, luminaries will light the way from the courthouse to the hospital.

Board approves employee contracts

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Primary principal, Paul Brunell, the district's continuing education director, and Douglas Pummell, the athletic director.

Contracts were also approved for Janet Gaffke, the food service director, Robert Vollmer, the transportation director, Jerry LaVanture, the technology director, and Beth Wheeler, the district's technology and internet manager.

Finally, the board ratified its contract with the Support Staff Employees Federation.

The districts administrators and employees were given 1.3 percent pay hikes, Powers said. Employees agreed to pay toward their health care insurance coverage as one concession in contract negotiations. The pay increases will cost the district about \$140,000.

Powers said concessions

employees made were significant for the district, which is facing declining enrollment over the next several years so less reimbursement funds will be coming from the state.

"The enrollment figures are a huge concern, because we are going to face huge financial challenges trying to maintain the quality programs that we offer while still trying to pay the light bill," Powers said.

14-year-old hurt when sled is struck

A 14-year-old Grayling boy was injured Friday when the snowmobile he was operating was struck by a pick-up truck.

Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the scene of the crash around 6:50

p.m. Friday.

Deputies learned that Michael Dennis Olson attempted to cross M-72 near McIntyres Landing Road on his sled when he was struck by the truck. Police said Olson suffered an injured leg,

broken ribs, a bruised lung and bruised spleen.

Olson was taken to Mercy Hospital and was later transported to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. His condition was not available at press time.

Correction

In the Nov. 17, 2005 Avalanche Joshua Argue was omitted from the Grayling Middle School 8th grade Honor Roll for marking period 1.

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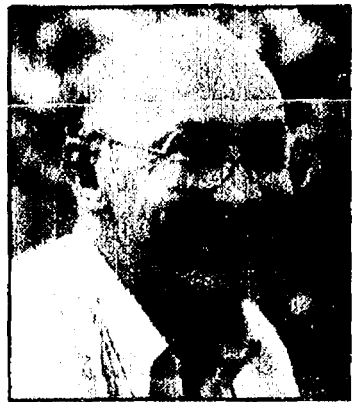
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard L. Milliman

Race for U.S. Senate seat spins again

JUST WHEN IT seemed the contest to pick a Republican candidate for the Michigan opening in the U.S. Senate for next year's election had settled down into a two-man race, a one-time candidate decided to get back in, providing yet another twist to what already is a confusing picture.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard several days ago decided health problems which had concerned him eight months ago when he withdrew his candidacy for the senate concerned him no longer. His cholesterol was under control, his blood pressure was coming into line, he now was fit and feisty, and he heard Sen. Debbie Stabenow's senate seat calling to him once again.

No mind that two other Republican candidates have been working hard during the interim to line up backers and dollars for their own races, and both had been making considerable headway.

In a rather odd pending match up, two reverends were after the same goal -- not heaven, but the U.S. Senate.

THE REV. KEITH Butler, former Detroit city council member and leader of the Word of Faith International Christian Center Church in Southfield, has the edge so far. He's lined up a passel of endorsements and considerable money and generally has been considered the front runner who eventually would end up with the party's at least tacit endorsement.

The Rev. Jerry Zandstra, on leave as a minister at Hillside Community Church in Cutlerville and as program director of a think tank based in Grand Rapids, was mainly a self-starter, but then in politics, who is not? Mr. Zandstra had been working the hustings in Western Michigan and outstate and making some inroads, based largely on grass roots campaigning and personal

contact.

Neither Rev. Butler nor Rev. Zandstra is well known among the Michigan public. For that matter, neither is Mr. Bouchard, a former state representative and senate Republican leader and Oakland sheriff since 1999. Mr. Bouchard may be a regular among Michigan GOP faithful, but beyond southeast Michigan and the Lansing beltline, he's not a household word either.

Now it's a three person race among Republicans.

THE PRIZE is dubious at best. Sen. Stabenow is a tough candidate, and the senate seat belongs to her until she loses it. With the way things are going nationally and sagging Republican fortunes nationally, that's not likely in 2006.

Polling about a month ago showed Ms. Stabenow would defeat Mr. Butler 52-26 percent, with 22 percent undecided.

Paired against Mr. Zandstra,

the poll had Ms. Stabenow ahead 50-20 percent, with 30 percent undecided.

The poll also indicated 55 percent of voters did not recognize Mr. Butler's name and 61 percent were unaware of Mr. Zandstra. Ms. Stabenow had 96 percent recognition.

Those are not exactly stimulating numbers for the challengers, although Republicans claim at this stage the incumbent should be stronger, so it means Democrats, of course, put entirely the opposite twist on the figures, claiming they show the voters love Ms. Stabenow and the job she's doing.

ANY EFFECT Sheriff Bouchard's re-emergence will have remains to be seen. It's likely to be significant in the primary, if not in the general election.

Michael Bouchard has been an inside Republican power broker for some time, is politically

ambitious, knows how to run a campaign and work the political angles in Washington and Lansing.

Since the days he was in Lansing and especially since he took the Oakland sheriff's job, Mr. Bouchard has been rumored as a likely candidate for governor or senator or some big job, sooner or later. He likely will soften or claim some of the endorsements and pledges Mr. Butler has collected so far.

For one, Brooks Patterson, Oakland County administrator and veteran Michigan GOP power, backed off from an earlier Butler endorsement and says he will stay neutral.

"A lot of us jumped on Butler's bandwagon. He was the only game in town," Mr. Patterson explained, according to a story in *The Detroit Free Press*. "I have some allegiance to Mike (Bouchard), but it would be unfair to jump on his bandwagon because his entry is so late."

WHAT DIFFERENCE does all this make? Does a senate race in Michigan really matter in the big picture?

Well, the political balance in the U.S. Senate is precarious; advantage held at the moment by Republicans but not with a solid enough majority to be invulnerable. The Michigan race likely will be targeted by both Republican and Democrat national parties.

Ms. Stabenow holds a decided edge against any of the three Republicans opponents, or any other late emerging candidate who might appear.

All candidates think they will win. In an election with only two candidates on the ballot, one will be right. There's always a chance.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Mercy Hospital Grayling Emergency Department is a worthy cause

To the editor,

I have owned property "Up North" for several years before being able to move up as a full-time resident. In those years, my family has had to use the local hospital on several occasions. Each time we had been taken care of with professionalism, courtesy, efficiency, and caring.

Now, after working at Mercy Hospital of Grayling, I have a better understanding of just what a feat accomplishing the above was. Our hospital has seen the number of patients that we take care of continue to grow in leaps and bounds. However, the building has not. Our Emergency Department still has curtains to separate the patients, affording very little privacy. We only have eight sections, and are limited on our space. We do not even have adequate space for a grieving family to have privacy or counseling. Many times we have to keep patients waiting because we have no room in back to take them to. There are so many reasons that could be listed.

As our community continues to grow, we need to meet the community's demands. Our organization is raising funds for the new Emergency Department expansion, and many employees have not only given money but donated their time as well. I work with some of the best people I have ever had the opportunity to be with.

Our residents and visitors need to know that the money being raised is going strictly toward the building, not for any monetary benefit of the employees. This is not money for raises. Whatever the gift, whatever can be donated, will be able to be physically seen when the expansion is completed. Any anyone who has donated will be able to proudly say they helped.

I know I get tired of giving. Everyone seems to have their hands out asking for more. I've had to make the choice of choosing just a couple of worthy causes to give to in order to fit my income. The Emergency Department of Mercy Hospital Grayling will continue to be a cause that I continue to donate to. I hope others will join me in this very worthy effort.

Debora J. Shinew
Kalkaska

Put a stop to mowing down Michigan forest land

To the editor:

Recently I read about the legislative efforts to encourage private timber management through tax incentives and opening more state timber resources for industry use. Included in this legislation is the "review and/or abolishment of the Department of Natural Resources' limitations that prevent timber harvesting on certain state lands."

Before they signed on for this did they happen to take a drive east on M-72, then south on Chase Bridge Road? Did they notice how much the land looks like the old photos of Crawford County after the logging era of the late 1800s? Did

they consider how hard it is for an area that is already under economic burden to attract tourism with its natural beauty when your forest lands have been once again raped by the lumber barons? As a matter of fact, you won't even have to drive that far from town, as just three miles from Grayling, the state has opened the Rayburn property up for strip mining (well, clear cutting) as well.

Where are these so-called environmentalists now? These people who fought a good fight against one oil well to be drilled near the Mason Tract. But does the issue stop there? Soon, it won't matter where the wells go, just drop one any-

where, because the woodlands will be clear cut anyway.

Crawford County boasts one of Michigan's few (if only) remaining stands of virgin pines in the state at Hartwick Pines State Park. Stand of pines and hardwoods such as this will never happen again. With ongoing harvesting of timber, there will never again be beautiful stands of red and white pine that once covered northern Michigan. All we'll be left with will be millions of acres of scrubby little jack pine, because it grows fast and can be harvested again in another few years, and again, and again...

Why not open Crawford

County to strip mining of sand as well. I'm sure that there's a buck to be made for the state of Michigan, and we have plenty to go around. If the state is so hard up, why doesn't the state open some of this land up for residential and commercial use instead of strip mining it and lowering the value of the private land that adjoins it.

If you are tired of seeing the forest land in Michigan being mowed down, I urge you to contact Senator Tony Stamas, and Representatives Kevin Elsenheimer, Howard Walker and Darwin Boohar to put a stop to this.

Todd Pfaff
Grayling

Grayling could be a prime tourist attraction

To the editor:

E-Z Built Homes, who are very community minded, turned over almost \$360 to the Crawford County Historical Society from their fundraiser

booth the weekend of the train excursion. They sold tickets for a drawing for an overnight stay and dinner for two at the Holiday Inn. The company paid for the Holiday Inn stay and turned over

all of the ticket money to the museum.

There were many extra volunteers at the museum that weekend who did a wonderful job, but more is always needed. With a

little more help, Grayling could reach its potential as a prime tourist attraction and still be a small friendly town.

Faye Bovee
Grayling

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

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Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line, on lined paper use every other line.

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Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Free clinic to hold grand opening

The AuSable Free Clinic Board of Directors invites the public to attend the grand opening of the AuSable Free Clinic, Inc., Grayling, on Friday, Dec. 2, from noon to 1 p.m., at 210 Meadows Dr., Grayling.

Gaylord Orchestra presents concert

The Gaylord Chamber Orchestra will be presenting a holiday concert, "Prelude to the Holidays", on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m., at Mt. Carmel Center, Gaylord. The sounds of sleigh bells and chimes of Christmas will be heard as the full orchestra plays "Christmas Festival" by Leroy Anderson and Mozart's "Sleighride." In the Christmas Concerto by Corelli, a harpsichord will add to the richness of the holiday celebration. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and can be purchased at Saturn Booksellers, the Musik Haus and at the door.

VFW service officer to interview veterans

The Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars Assistant State Service Officer, Art Bates, will be at the Michigan Works Office in Grayling on Friday, Dec. 2, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and Friday Dec. 16, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., to interview veterans and/or their dependents on veterans benefits. Call 989-348-8709 if you have any questions.

Breakfast with Santa to be held Saturday

The Grayling Promotional Association will present Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 3, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Michelson Memorial Church, Grayling. Children will have the opportunity to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, have their photos taken and shop in the Children's Shopping Corner.

COA hosts guest speaker on Osteoarthritis

The Crawford County Commission on Aging, at 308 Lawndale, Grayling, will host Stacey Fifield and Pat Cosgrove from Dynamic Physical Therapy with a presentation on "Living With Osteoarthritis and Preventing Loss of Balance and Falls" on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 5 p.m. Included in the presentation will be an instruction in exercise for good body health and for improving strength and balance.

Out to Lunch Gang head to Houghton Lake

The Out to Lunch gang will be going to Houghton Lake on Dec. 8 for some last minute Christmas shopping and lunch at Whiteheads. The cost for the trip is \$8. Transportation will be leaving the Crawford County Commission on Aging center at 10:30 a.m. Please call the center for reservations at 348-7123. Call early to reserve your seat.

Right to Life group to hold meeting

The Crawford County Right to Life representatives from St. Mary's Church will be holding a meeting on Dec. 5, at 7 p.m., in the Family Center at St. Mary's Church.

Eagles Auxiliary change meeting date

The Grayling Eagles Auxiliary has changed their Dec. 1 meeting to Dec. 8.

Help Center collecting Christmas candy

The Christian Help Center is accepting donations of candy for children and boxed candy for seniors to be given out during Christmas "Help" Week, Dec 14 thru 21. Call 348-6046 for more information.

Band boosters plan monthly meeting

The Grayling Viking Band Boosters meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Middle School band room. All parents of band students are invited to attend and become more involved in the activities that support the instrumental music program for both the Grayling Middle School and the Grayling High School.

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will gather for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Court House. Regular meetings are the second Thursday of the month. The public is welcome. For more information call 348-7037, or check out the website at firstdistrictdems.com/crawford.

Grayling bands to perform concert

The Grayling Middle School and High School bands will be performing their Christmas concert on Wednesday, Dec 7, at 7 p.m., at the Grayling High School auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public.

Free Sleep Apnea Clinic offered

A free CPAP Clinic will be available to sleep apnea patients in the Gaylord area from 9am - 2pm, Wednesday, December 14, at VitalCare's Gaylord location, 829 W. Main Street, Gaylord, in Glen's Alpine Plaza, Gaylord. The event is available on a walk-in basis and appointments are not necessary.

According to Barbara Collins, Respiratory Therapist Care Supervisor at VitalCare Medical

Health Equipment, the clinic is a community service for all sleep apnea patients regardless of where their equipment was purchased. Registered respiratory therapists will be on hand to provide pressure checks, mask fittings, etc., and answer any questions about equipment use. Replacement equipment may be purchased at that time.

For more information, call VitalCare at 1-800-748-0103.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Friends of the Library have lit the mitten tree at the Devereaux Library, and it is ready to accept all donations of caps, mittens, and scarves to keep the children of Grayling warm.

Bring your gifts to the library and make them part of the gift to the Christian Help Center. Donations will be accepted until

Dec. 15 when articles will be delivered to the needy.

The annual children's book sale will be held as a part of the Santa Stroll on Dec. 10. Clifford the Big Red Dog will be available for pictures from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mrs. Mouse and friends will be reading children's holiday stories by the fireplace so that parents and grandparents can shop

LEADER DOG



Silk, a black Labrador Retriever, recently graduated from Leader Dogs for the Blind special training school in Rochester. She is now helping her companion, Jerold Mueller, get back into the mainstream of life in Wisconsin. Silk was recruited back in June from the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. Only 30 percent of recruits graduate, but Silk became the 12,985th to do so since Leader Dogs was founded in 1939. Over the years, many dogs from the Animal Shelter have graduated to serve as far away as Argentina.

Final video in Kirtland domestic violence series

The third and final video in a series being presented in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month by Kirtland Community College is set to show Monday, Dec. 5, 6-8 p.m., at the Kirtland House.

The series highlights violence as portrayed by the media. The third video, titled "Beyond Killing us Softly: The Strength to Resist," focuses on gender roles as portrayed in television advertising.

The series is offered as a Service Learning project by Kirtland students, in conjunction

with River House Shelter, an area shelter for victims of domestic violence.

The video and informal discussion period are free and the public is encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 989-275-5000.

Grant deadline announced

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) Youth Advisory Council grant application deadline is Dec. 31, 2005. Grant applications must be sent to the NCMCF office postmarked by Dec. 31. Applicants may request up to \$2,500 for their project which must benefit youth in Crawford, Ogemaw, or Oscoda counties. \$300 mini-grants are also available.

Interested applicants should visit www.ncmcf.org to view requirements and to download an application packet, or contact the NCMCF office at 877-354-6881. Applications must be sent to P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for November 27 of \$25 each: Jody Coors, Jann Besonen, and Pat Benardo.

The winner of the Animal Shelter of Crawford County's Christmas Walk gift basket, held on Nov. 19 was Bev Ohsowski of Grayling.

for books. Additional shopping times for the community are: Thursday, Dec. 8, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is an opportunity to purchase the newest in children's books, or to buy a classroom book as a gift from your family to your child's teacher.

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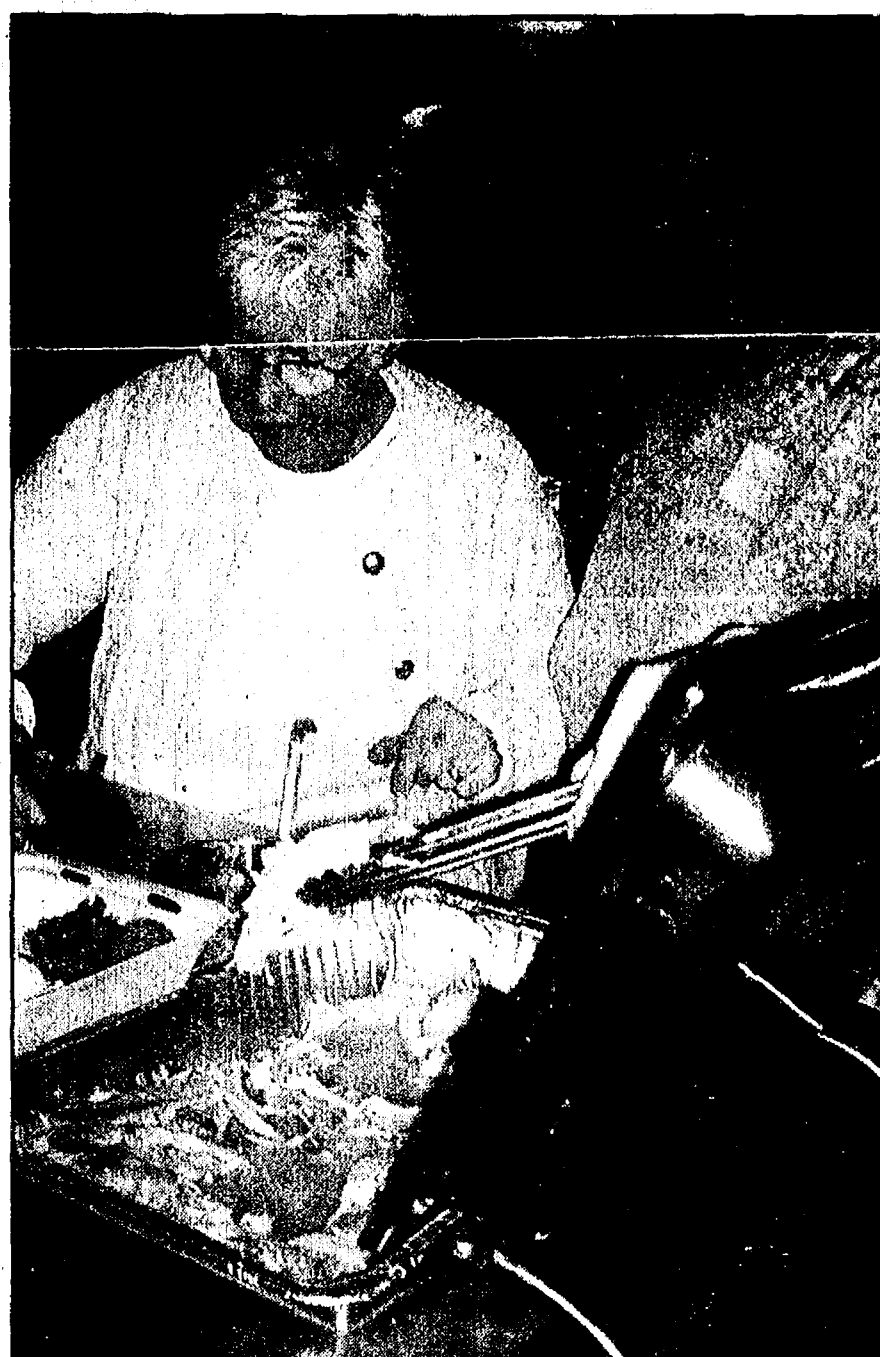
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Over 400 meals were packaged and delivered to Grayling area residents for the Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Above left, Ron Wood places cartons of food in bags. Above, right, Donna Hubbard and Helen Nolan place hot food in cartons. Below left, Steve Green, the commander of the American Legion Post #106, carries bags of food out to drivers who braved the winter weather to make deliveries.

Drivers our 'heroes of the day'

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were expected this year due to the severe winter weather and location of the meal. Several volunteers made multiple trips for deliveries to meet the demand for meals.

"The heroes of day definitely has to be the drivers," Therese Kaiser said. "All the weather conditions they had to deal with and where they had to go was just unreal."

A handful of volunteers who have prepared and served every Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner were joined by a number of first-time volunteers.

"We had a little dinner last week and all of our boys are doing something so we thought this would be fun to do," said Tom Thomas, who delivered meals with his wife Kathy.

Ron Wood, another first time volunteer, helped package hot and cold plates of food into bags for deliveries.

"It's a great operation," Wood said. "They've done it for so many years so everyone knows what's going on."

Helen Nolan, who placed

meals in food cartons, said she was starting a new tradition after volunteering at similar dinners where she lived in Tawas.

"I love to help people," Nolan said. "All of my relatives live out of state, and when you only have one day off, you can't travel that far. It's a wonderful, loving and giving time of year."

Bill Barclay, a retired engineer who worked at Camp Grayling for 16 years, showed up early for the dinner, and lent a hand carrying meals to cars and decorated dining tables.

"I do have family, but they're all over the country," Barclay said. "I just like pitching in and helping out."

Gene Pawlanta, the owner of the Frederic Inn, substituted carving turkeys and preparing gravy for his famous burritos and steaks. Pawlanta said he has volunteered for 11 of the dinners, sidelined for one year after undergoing heart surgery.

"I'm here to give back to the community," Pawlanta said. "All of Crawford County has been there for me and has supported me for many years, so I want to do my part in return, giving back

to them. We don't have enough of that."

Therese Kaiser said she appreciated the Crawford County Transportation Authority offering free bus rides for county residents so they could get to Camp Grayling for the meal.

"I had a couple of people tell me that they really wanted to come to the dinner, if it wouldn't have been for Dial-A-Ride, they wouldn't have made it," Kaiser said. "The bus drivers braved the storm just like everyone else and made Thanksgiving possible for somebody."

A day before Thanksgiving, Kaiser said she fielded a frantic call from one woman who could not make it to the Grayling area due to the weather who was planning on preparing the holiday meal for her elderly parents.

"She was just beside herself thinking her folks would not have a hot meal," Kaiser said.

Kaiser said that volunteers will conduct an inventory for the dinner in the next couple of weeks and will be working on the site for the dinner next year whether it be at Camp Grayling or the future Knights of Columbus

quarters.

"Where we will end up is still up in the air, but hopefully between the two places, somebody will host us and this will continue on," Kaiser said.

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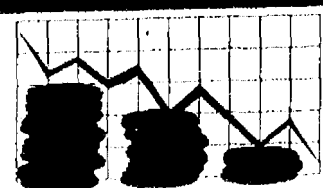
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BJ Thomas to share holidays at Kirtland

The public is invited to enjoy some holiday entertainment when BJ Thomas performs his Christmas show at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m.

Since the mid-1960s, BJ Thomas has become one of the most recognized and respected voices of the American musical landscape. He has impacted many areas of popular music with 15 top-40 pop hits, 10 top-40 country hits, five Grammys, two Dove awards and 15 gold and platinum records. He is the only artist to successfully move to the top of three music genres. "As a singer," Thomas said, "I have the chance to lift the spirits of the audience and make them feel good, at least for the evening."

It's an attitude people have noticed. Fans frequently approach Thomas to thank him for the impact of his songs ranging from the mega hit "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head" to country smashes like "New Looks From An Old Lover."

Thomas' music is testimony to the fact he is a survivor. He has overcome personal adversity and addiction as well as weathered professional storms to emerge musically stronger than ever.

By 1968 BJ had recorded four gold records. The first three hits were "The Eyes Of A New York Woman," "Hooked On A Feeling" and "It's Only Love."



BJ Thomas will perform his Christmas show at the Kirtland Center for the Performing Arts.

Followed by "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head." Labelmate Dionne Warwick, who'd been working with the Burt Bacharach/Hal David songwriting team, recommended BJ for "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head" which was written for the motion picture "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

In 1976, BJ released the first

of several gospel albums, "Home Where I Belong," which went platinum, making him the biggest contemporary Christian artist of the period. Over the next several years he received two Dove awards.

Moving back to country music BJ hit the top 40 ten times with hits like "What Ever Happened To Old Fashioned Love," "New Looks From An

Old Lover," and "The Whole World's In Love When You're Lonely."

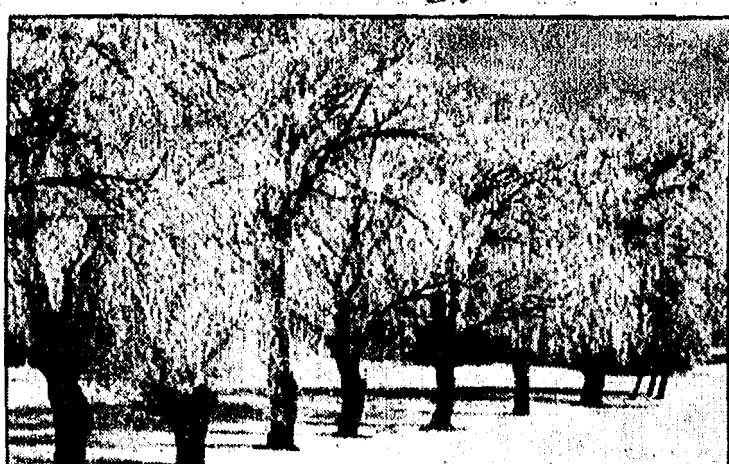
In 1989 BJ recorded "As Long As We Got Each Other," the theme song for ABC sitcom "Growing Pains."

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The purpose of this program is to increase the number and variety of properly planted and maintained trees in communities. The USDA Forest Service has commended DTE Energy Foundation and the DNR for the creative partnership and leadership of their tree planting efforts. This program also reflects DTE Energy's ongoing commitment to assisting communities with the replacement of ash trees lost due to the Emerald Ash Borer.

Trees improve environmental quality and quality of life in our communities. A key benefit that trees provide is carbon sequestration. Through photosynthesis, trees convert carbon dioxide and water (using sunlight), into glucose (sugar) and oxygen.

Planting trees helps to reduce carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming. DTE Energy Foundation is funding the grant program as part of the DTE Energy's voluntary participation in the US Department of Energy's Global Climate Challenge Program.

Eligible applicants include local units of government, non-profit organizations, and schools within the service territory of DTE Energy's utility subsidiaries: Detroit Edison (electricity) and MichCon (natural gas). Eligible projects

include tree planting activities on public lands such as parks, right-of-way, nature study areas, and school grounds plantings.

Matching grants of up to \$3,000 each are awarded on a competitive basis. All grants require a dollar-for-dollar match, which can be made up of cash contributions or in-kind services, but may not include federal or state funds.

Grant applications must be received by December 31, 2005. Projects must be completed by December 31, 2006.

For more information, and a grant application, visit DNR's Urban and Community Forestry website at <http://www.mi.gov/dnruuf>, or contact Kevin Sayers, Urban Forestry Coordinator, at 517-241-4632, or DNR, Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, P.O. Box 30452 Lansing, MI 48909-7952.

GHS art teacher rejuvenated at School of the Art Institute

Mark Binert, Grayling High School art teacher participated with 112 high school art teachers this summer at the fifth annual Teacher Institute in Contemporary Art (TICA) at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC). This program was designed to complement the experience of art educators by providing them with the opportunity to study with contemporary artists, critics, and lecturers in the visual and media arts. TICA is the first and only program of its

kind hosted by a prominent, national arts school. SAIC sponsors TICA at no cost to participating teachers, with the goal of inspiring the high school art educators who will influence future generations of practicing artists.

TICA provides educators from across the country, and especially those from rural areas, the chance to engage directly with artists working at the leading edge of contemporary culture. Pepon Osorio, Layla Ali, Fred Wilson, Krzysztof Wodiczko, Paul

Pfeiffer, Shirley Kaneda, and Barry McGee were just some of the important artists who have participated in this program over the years. Each year over 26 artists from around the country come to work with these teachers.

Designed for high school art teachers with ten or more years of experience, TICA is divided into four one-week sessions. These sessions include Art and Technology, Visual/Cultural Studies, and two sessions on Painting and Drawing. Each weekly session of 28 participants is divided into studio practice and visiting artist/critic presentations, with workshops and seminars in the evening. TICA is one of the only programs in the country to offer courses in the use of new media technology to high school art educators.

"Our mission is to re-energize the artist in each teacher through intensive studio practice, plus engagement with important contemporary artists," says Philip Baranowski, TICA's Founder and Director. "Ultimately, they will share their newfound knowledge and reignited passion for art making with their students. A teacher who is inspired and fully committed to sharing experience through expressive work is a powerful model for students."

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The Trudeau triplets, the daughters and son of Nikki and Jason Trudeau, were born at the Munson Medical Center in Traverse City on Nov. 11. Cameron and Alexia weighed four pounds seven ounces at birth, while Holly weighed four pounds eight ounces. Above, Holly, Cameron, and Alexia, pictured with sister, Sierra Trudeau, 2, came home to Grayling on Friday.

Adopt a Michigan National Guard family for the holidays

Many Michigan National Guard members are serving overseas while their families try to make the best of the holidays without them. The Michigan National Guard Adopt-a-Family Program pairs Guard families with individuals or organizations who want to adopt a family experiencing financial hardship during the holidays.

The Adopt-a-Family Program is coordinated through Michigan National Guard Family Assistance Centers located across the state. The program is seeking individuals or organizations to donate a Thanksgiving or Christmas food basket or other holiday gifts. To make a donation, call the Family Assistance Center coordinator in your area.

Today, approximately 2,300 Soldiers and Airmen are deployed across the globe. While most are serving in Iraq, others are stationed in

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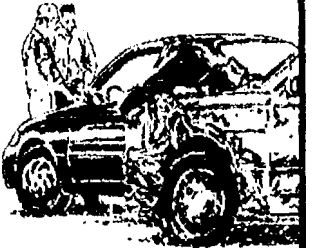
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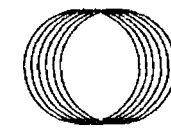
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Tips to save energy and manage heating bills this winter

As cooler temperatures signal the start of another heating season, MichCon, DTE Energy's natural gas subsidiary, suggests customers prepare their homes and their budgets for winter.

The price of natural gas has been increasing all over the country, not just in Michigan and heating bills are expected to be significantly higher this winter. Energy saving steps taken now can pay big dividends for customers, since about three-quarters of most homes' annual gas usage occurs during the winter months of November through March.

The following tips can help manage winter energy costs and save money on energy bills. Dial down: While you can't control the weather or the price of natural gas, you can manage your energy costs by using natural gas wisely. For every degree you lower your thermostat, you can save about three percent on your heating bill.

One way to accomplish this is with an automatic set-back or programmable thermostat, which can automatically lower the temperature when you're away from the house, and automatically increase it before you get home.

Homes with proper humidity levels will provide greater comfort at lower temperatures.

When humidity is kept at a proper level about 35 percent at 70 degrees, windows will not sweat and the air won't feel dry. Replace the humidifier pad or clean it of calcium deposits for best results.

Fine tune your furnace:

Schedule a heating system check-up. A qualified heating contractor will make sure your heating system operates efficiently and delivers the maximum energy saving.

Clean or replace your furnace's air filters as needed during the winter season. Dirty filters block the warm airflow in the home, which causes the furnace to work harder and less economically.

Clean and vacuum ducts, vents and heat registers. Check heat registers to ensure that drapes or furniture do not block airflow.

Add insulation:

Install attic and basement insulation to keep out drafts and make your home more energy efficient and warm. Adding blown cellulose on top of rolled fiberglass insulation will increase value of your attic.

Insulate all heating ducts located in attics and unheated crawl-space's, and make sure there are no leaks in your ductwork.

Place an insulation blanket around your hot water heater. Electric water heaters should be placed on an insulated surface, such as foam. Adjust water heater temperature to the warm setting (about 120 degrees F). Keep the cold air out and the warm air in:

Seal windows and doors with caulk and weather stripping to block unwanted drafts. If caulk cracks or peels away, it allows your home's heat to escape.

Install a fireplace door to prevent cold air from entering. If you have a gas fireplace, make sure the flue is partially open to allow fumes from the pilot light to escape.

Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is going. Keeping the damper open is like keeping a window wide open during the winter.

Use kitchen, bath and other ventilation fans wisely. In just one hour, these fans can pull out a houseful of warm air. Turn fans off as soon as they have done their job.

Let the sun shine in:

Open curtains on south facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home. Be sure to close the curtains at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

Morse named Chief Judge of 46th Circuit Trial Court

The Michigan Supreme Court has recently named Judge Patricia A. Morse as Chief Judge of the 46th Circuit Trial Court. This administrative position oversees all circuit, family, probate, district, and Friend of the Court matters in three counties, Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties.

The Trial Court began as a demonstration project by the Michigan Supreme Court in 1996, to test whether court services could be more effectively delivered through consolidation of courts and staff. That experiment realized many efficiencies and cost savings to the counties it served. It was continued in the concurrent jurisdiction plan that was approved by the Michigan Supreme Court in December of 2004.

All Michigan counties have benefited to some degree by the experimentation of the demonstration projects. All eighty-three counties are operating under some form of concurrent jurisdiction.

Judge Morse was elected as a district court judge in 1990 and now hears cases from all divisions of the consolidated court. Her fellow judges are also cross-assigned to hear a variety of matters, regardless of the bench to which they were elected. This cooperation results in greater access by citizens and speedier resolution of disputes. The appointment of Chief Judge is for a two-year term.

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Foundation contributes to Headwaters Land Conservancy

Headwaters Land Conservancy announced their partnership with the J.A. Woollam Foundation.

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"I think it's a great opportunity to further our land protection

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Allen awarded certified fund raising executive designation



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CFRE International has awarded Deborah Allen the professional designation of Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE). Deborah Allen, Executive Director for the Otsego Memorial Hospital Foundation, joins over 4,691 professionals around the world who hold the CFRE designation. Individuals granted the CFRE credential have met a series of standards set by CFRE International which include tenure in the profession, education, professional achievements and a commitment to service to not-for-profit organizations. They have agreed to uphold Accountability Standards and the Donor Bill of Rights. Additionally, candidates must pass a written examination testing the knowledge, skills and abilities required of a fundraising executive.

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Susan F. Rice, Ed.D., ACFRE; Chair of CFRE International. "Achievement of the Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) credential demonstrates the level of commitment on the part of Deborah Allen to herself and the profession as a whole."

CFRE International is an independent organization whose sole mission is dedicated to the certification of fundraising executives by setting standards in philanthropy. This single, universal baseline organization works in cooperation with leading philanthropic associations. The Board of Directors of CFRE International is made up of currently certified individuals from various types of fundraising settings and also includes members of the public representing the interests of donors. More than fourteen professional associations participate with CFRE International. Some of which are the: Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP); Association of Christian Development Professionals (ACDP); Association of Fundraising Consultants (AFC); Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP); Association of Philanthropic Counsel (APC); Canadian Association of Gift Planners; the Council for Resource Development (CFD); International Catholic Stewardship Council (NCSC); National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC); North American YMCA Development Organization (NAYDO); and United Way of America, to name a few.

Spring Arbor University launches More Life Scholarship

Spring Arbor University is responding to the higher education needs of working adults across Michigan by establishing the More Life Scholarship. The More Life Scholarship will provide free tuition for five students who enroll in the University's adult studies programs throughout the state.

Applications for the More Life Scholarship will be accepted through Thursday, Dec 1, 2005, for students accepted into these degree completion programs for the spring of 2006: family life education, management and organizational development, and nursing.

The More Life Scholarships are valued at \$14,000 and cover all costs associated with the programs including tuition, books and fees.

Scholarship applicants must meet all program requirements,

including the completion of the free application for federal student aid, transcripts, writing samples and all other specifications as outlined in the Spring Arbor University catalog.

"On behalf of Spring Arbor University, I am pleased to announce this opportunity to encourage the pursuit of higher education across Michigan. The University is excited to help adult students get more out of life and advance in today's competitive job market," says Mike Chase, dean of external programs and operations at Spring Arbor University.

To register for the More Life Scholarship, visit www.arbor.edu/morelife, or the Spring Arbor University site in your area. All qualified entrants will be notified by Spring Arbor University prior to the drawing on Dec. 1, 2005.

Preschool receives grant for new windows

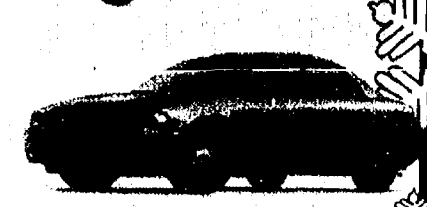
The Grayling Cooperative Preschool recently received a \$2,000 grant from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund to replace the double-pane windows in the front of the preschool.

"Prior to the replacement, students, staff, and family members viewed the out-of-doors through cracked, moisture filled windows," said Joni Metiva, Grayling Cooperative Preschool vice-president. "T.C. Huber, builder and contractor, completed the replacement project for the preschool in October. Because of the new windows, we have a more sound energy efficient building."

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Curnow, Haag wed



Heather Curnow and Troy Haag

Heather Curnow and Troy Haag, both of Gaylord, exchanged marriage vows on October 31, 2005.

Alan Morford attended his friend Heather, as man of honor and Kayla Pindell, niece of the groom, served as best woman.

Heather is the daughter of

Monica LaPlant of Gaylord.

Troy is the son of William and Sherry Haag of Grayling.

On November 5, 2005, Mary Beth Dettling performed a marriage blessing ceremony in front of family and friends at the Bear Lake Community Center.

The couple reside in Gaylord.

DISTRICT HEALTH #10 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for November.

Immunization clinics: December 7 and 21 by appointment, call (989) 348-7800.

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The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 110 complaints the week of Nov. 21 - Nov. 27:

Thirty-two traffic accidents, two accidents non-traffic, five civil matters/family disputes, 10 suspicious situations, one lost and found property, one natural death, 33 general non-criminal complaints, two vehicle fires, one delinquent minors, four false alarms;

One assault/intimidation/

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During the eight-week program, Dannenberg completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

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Dannenberg is a 2005 graduate of Grayling High School of Grayling.

HONORS

Kirtland Community College's Alpha Omicron Gamma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society for two-year colleges inducted 34 new members during the fall semester of 2005. Candidates for membership must have a minimum of 12 credit hours toward an associate's degree at Kirtland and have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.5.

The following students will be honored at a formal induction ceremony to be hosted during the winter 2006 semester on Friday, March 17, at 6 p.m. in the Kirtland Student Center: Chad Schultz, Frederic; from Grayling: Maureen Barry,

Lesley Gilbert, Kathleen Nye, and Lynn Waite; Katrina Linkhart, Houghton Lake; Brigitte Doehring and Christina Watrous, of Prudenville; from Roscommon: Rosemary Brown, Jessica Chapman, Lisa Parrish, Suzanne Ryder, Bridgette Slane, Rebecca Smith, Mary Takahashi, and Jennifer Viguilla; Linda Marsh and Cindy Sober, from St. Helen. Melinda Boudiette, Rose City; from West Branch: Jeanelle Allen, Lacy Carper, Jenny Vittitow, Stephen Wright; Susan Pikur, Elmira, from Gaylord: Steven Holman, Marcia Leitelt, Katrina Mason, Katy Rucker; and John Klepadlo III, of Johannesburg.

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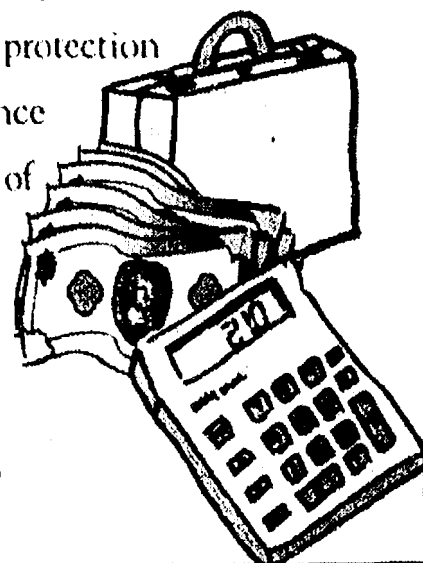
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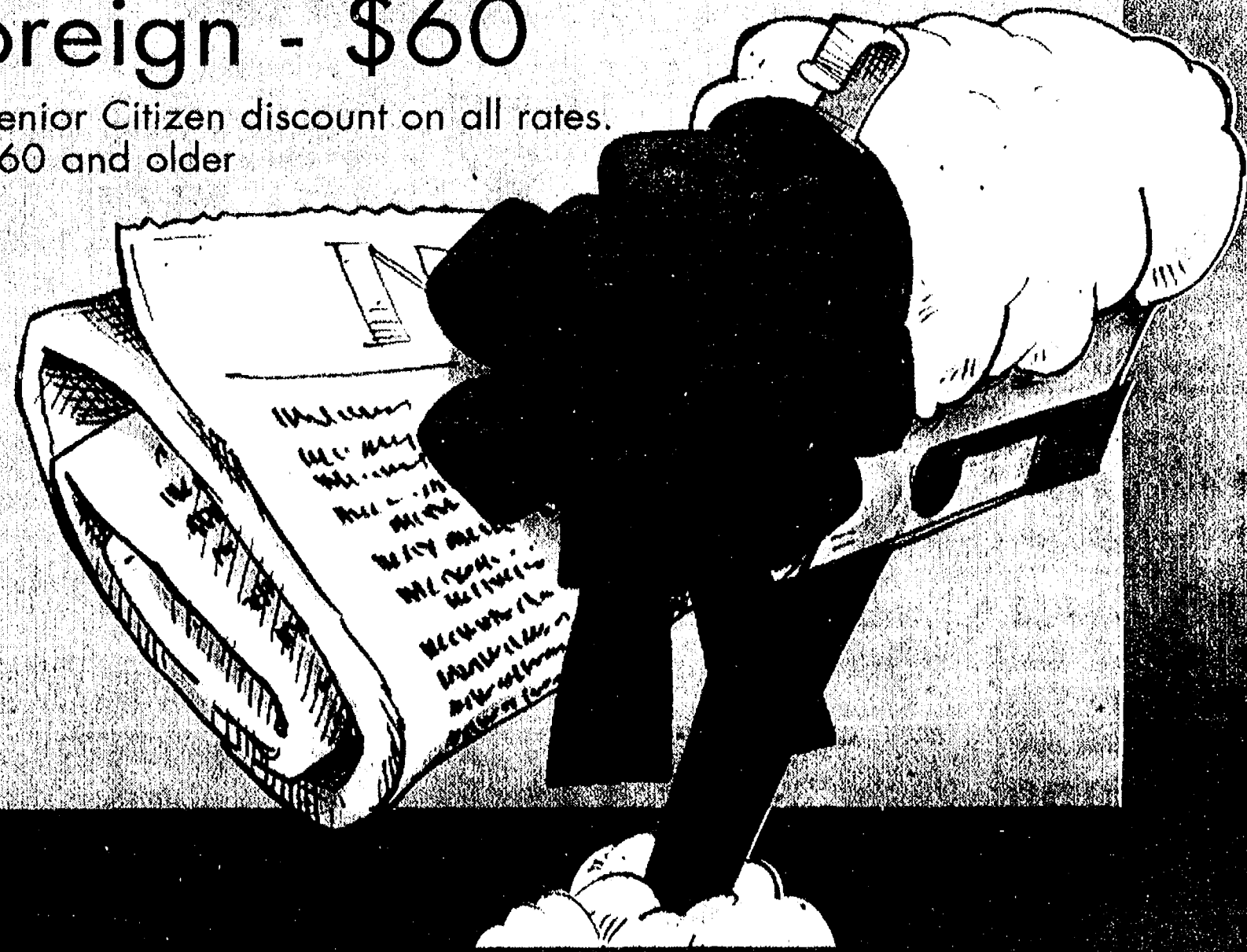
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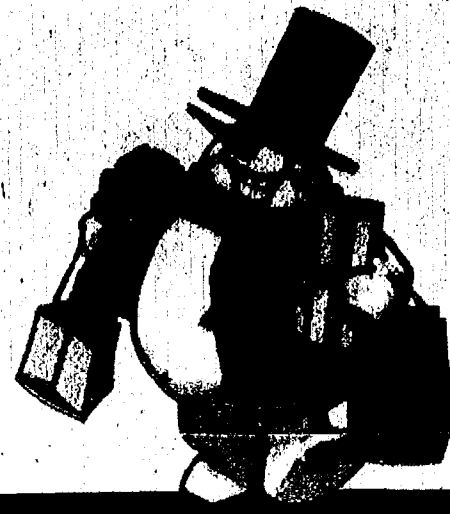

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Vikings prepare for '05-06 boys basketball season

Nine players return from last year's LMC championship team

■ **Grayling to face Bucks of Roscommon in season opener on Tuesday, Dec. 6**

The Vikings of Grayling High School began their practice schedule for the 2005-06 varsity boys basketball season two weeks ago and they play their

first game of the year next Tuesday.

The Vikings will be coached by Rich Moffit, who is in his 20th year of coaching and his 12th season at GHS. The team's assistant coaches include Butch Hayes (varsity assistant), Chris Kucharek (JV coach), Ryan Fritz (freshman coach), Rocky

Tobin (GMS coach), J.J. Juntilla (GMS coach), and Mark Hartman (GMS coach).

"Our success will depend on our ability to defend," Coach Moffit said. "We have to contest every shot on every possession. I have been impressed with our ability to rebound the basketball. Our kids are very physical

and quick. We have a group of kids who are committed to working hard and doing things the right way."

"Offensively, we have added some new wrinkles to take advantage of the abilities of our players. If we play unselfish and play together we should be solid," Coach Moffit said. "We

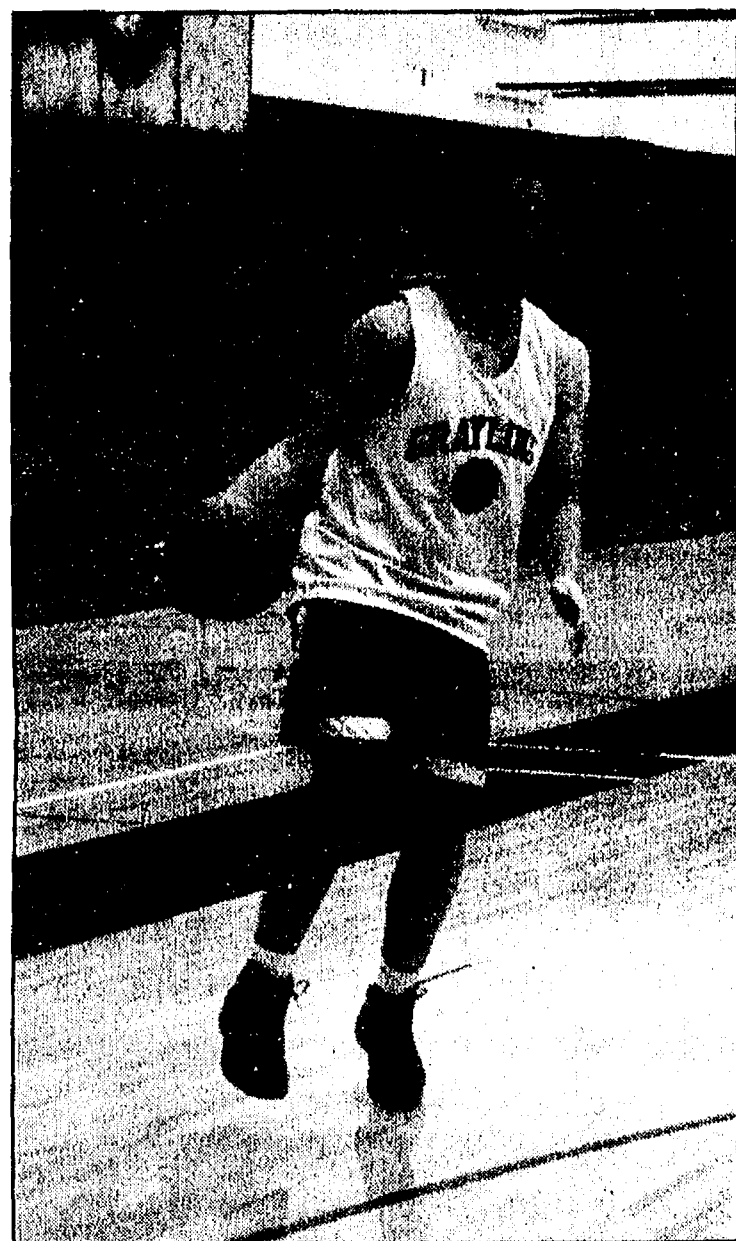
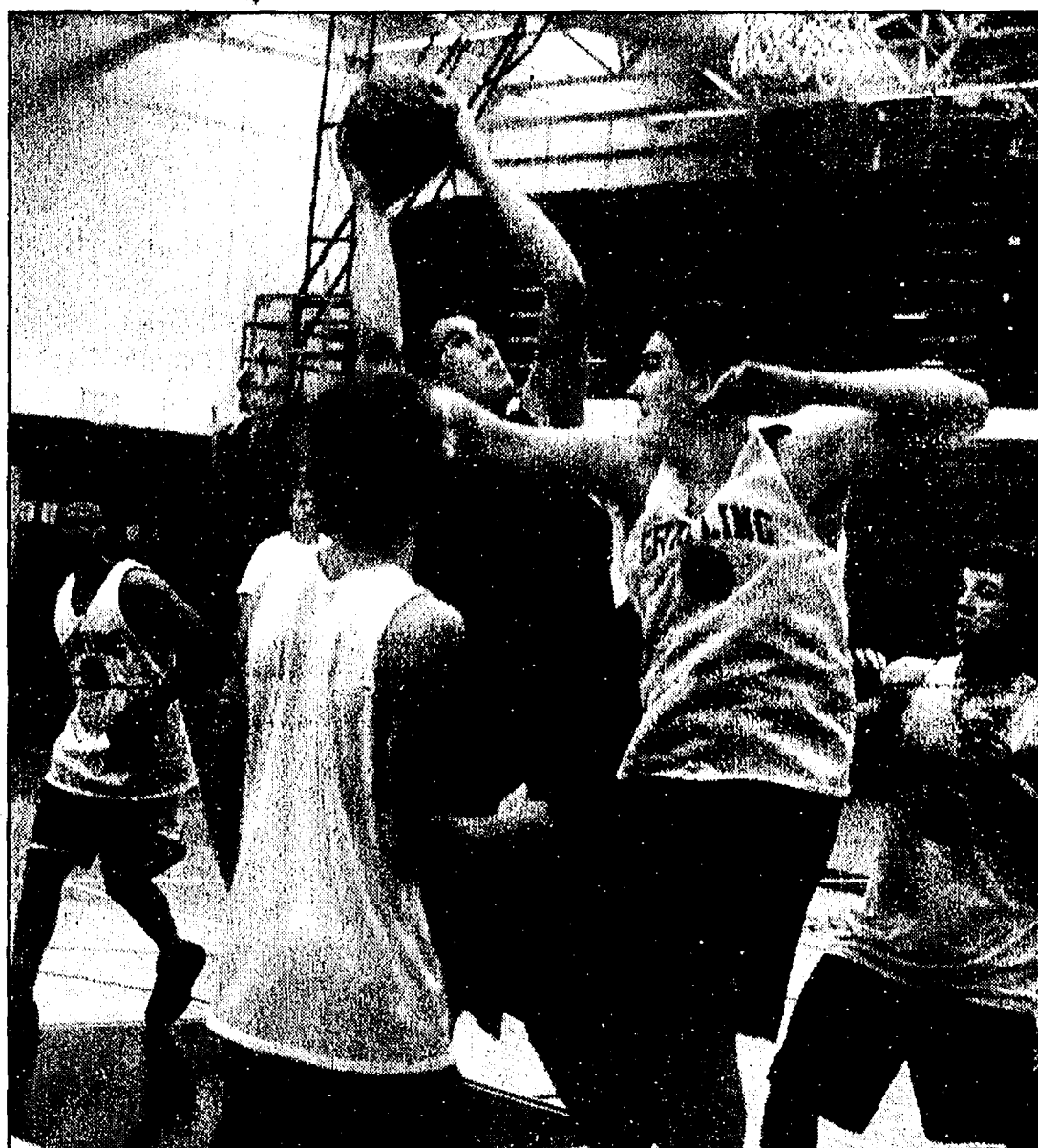
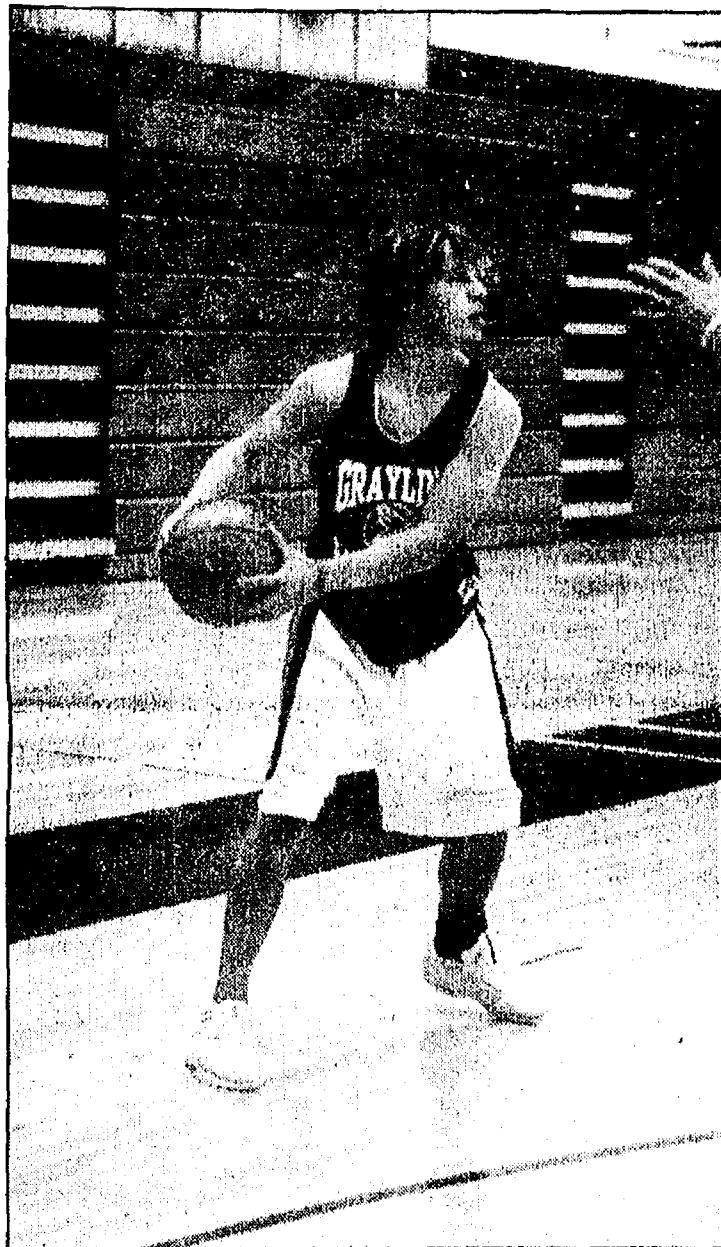
have nine players back from our 20-3 team (of 2004-05). Our players work very hard and understand what it takes to win big games."

Last year, Grayling posted an 18-2 regular season and won two games in the playoffs before falling in the district championship game. The

Vikings posted a 13-1 record in the Lake Michigan Conference last year and won all 10 of their home games.

"My biggest concern going into this season is how this group will play during pressure situations. We have a number of

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Photos by Caleb Casey

(Left) Eli VanNuck looks for an open teammate during a practice drill last Tuesday. (Center) Jim Boylan takes an inside shot for the Vikings. (Right) Bobby Starks handles the ball at practice on Tuesday.

Winter sports seasons to begin soon for GHS

■ **Several new coaches take over varsity programs for 2005-06 campaign**

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's winter sports teams are getting ready for the 2005-06 season.

This year's winter sports coaching staff at GHS has several new additions, including three new volleyball coaches and new coaches for varsity wrestling and skiing.

In boys basketball, Rich Moffit returns for his 12th year as head coach of the varsity squad. Chris Kucharek is back as the JV coach, and Ryan Fritz is the new freshman squad coach.

The basketball teams will play mostly tripleheaders again this year, with league events starting at 4:15 p.m. and most non-league contests beginning at 4:30 p.m. The freshman team plays first, JV second, and varsity third.

The Vikings will open their 2005-06 basketball season with a home series vs. Roscommon on Tuesday, Dec. 6. On Friday, Dec. 9, Grayling will host the Gaylord Blue Devils. Both tripleheaders start at 4:30 p.m.

The teams travel to West Branch Ogemaw Heights on

Tuesday, Dec. 13, and open their Lake Michigan Conference league schedule with games at Boyne City on Friday, Dec. 16.

The cheerleading coaches for this year are Chris Sheldon (varsity) and Anne Stabinsky (junior varsity).

In wrestling and skiing, GHS replaced two coaches — Don Ferguson and Mike Wieland, respectively — who had a combined 87 years of coaching experience at GHS. Both led a variety of sports teams throughout their careers at Grayling High School, and both retired at the end of their seasons last year. Ferguson coached for 47 years at GHS and Wieland had 40 years of experience coaching the Grayling Vikings.

Joe Ferrigan is the new head coach for wrestling. Ferrigan has been the wrestling coach at Grayling Middle School and an assistant coach for the varsity team in past seasons.

Brad Wagner, who has been coaching the middle school's ski team, takes over as head coach of the GHS ski team.

"That's a lot of years of experience to lose, but we have good people taking over for them, too," said Doug Pummell, GHS Athletic Director.

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KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Men's Team

In an exhibition game held on Nov. 19, at the CRAF Center, with Lambton College of Sarnia, Ontario, the Kirtland Firebirds men's basketball team defeated the Lions by a score of 111-91.

The contest raised \$217 that will be sent to the National Junior College Athletic Association for distribution to community colleges affected by Hurricane Katrina.

The Firebirds raced to a 64-42 halftime lead and were never threatened. Freshman forward Sal Kabara led Kirtland with 21 points as five players on the home team reached double figures. Guard Tony Brown added 20, David Allison had 18, Juandrell Lewis had 16, and Matt Tompkins had 13.

Guard Cole Webster paced the Lions with 22 points and forward Navaro Hamilton added 16.

Tompkins led Kirtland with 11 rebounds while forward Ryan Filipiak had 9 and Kabara had 8. Brown and Lewis combined for 13 assists.

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The Kirtland men's basketball team took a ranking 108-91 defeat from the Stars of Lansing Community College before a raucous home crowd on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at the CRAF Center in Roscommon.

After being down by double digits most of the game, the Firebirds came back to within four points of the Stars with 2:22 left to play. But when it came down to the wire, tempers flared and foul trouble was an issue.

Tony Brown, a freshman from Battle Creek, was high scorer for the Firebirds with 20 points, followed by sophomore Demarvelous Carter, of Romulus, with 16, and David Allison, a sophomore from Lapeer, with 15. Matt Tompkins (Fairview), Juandrell Lewis (Detroit) and Sal Kabara (Central Africa)

each added 8 points.

Muhamad El-Amin topped the scoring chart for the Stars with 27.

The Firebirds next travel to Alpena Community College for the Can-Am Tournament during the weekend of Dec. 2-3, then head to Kankakee, Ill., for the Midwest JUCO Tournament Dec. 9-11, before hosting the Great North Tournament in Roscommon Dec. 16-17.

Women's Team

Kirtland's Lady Firebirds basketball team headed to Oshawa, Ontario, during the weekend of Nov. 18-19 where they faced two Toronto-area teams in the Big 8 Classic at Durham College. Coach Teresa Stuck's Firebirds came home with a 77-48 Friday win over George Brown College and a 79-73 Saturday loss to Humber College.

The Humber Hawks went on to win the tournament championship in a 50-45 win over the host team.

Stuck said her players offered solid defense against George Brown.

"We were able to work on a lot of little things that we need to improve upon," Stuck said. "Everyone got a lot of minutes and took advantage of them."

Nadia Blake, who hails from Toronto, led the Firebirds in the scoring column in that game with 19 points and added 5 rebounds. Emily Henion (Frederic) and Lizz Stempki (St. Ignace) added 10 points each and combined for 13 boards.

Saturday's loss to Humber College offered frustration, then redemption.

"We just couldn't put the ball in the basket in the first half and only came up with 16 points at halftime and went into the locker room down 31-16," Stuck said. "The second half was a drastically different game, however. We went on two different runs and cut the lead to 9 points before we were

hindered by mental mistakes."

Stuck said her team made "great strides" in their defensive play during the tournament, as evidenced by Chelsey Williams' (Houghton Lake) double-double of 18 points and 10 rebounds against Humber. Meghan Bastian (Hale) also contributed 10 rebounds and Onica Jones (Rochester, NY) added 10 points.

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It was a roller-coaster of a game in more ways than one, but in the end it was the Lansing Community College Stars who finished the ride on top of a 92-88 win over the Kirtland Lady Firebirds in the women's basketball home opener.

After jumping to a 12-0 lead in front of a great home crowd on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at the CRAF Center in Roscommon, the Firebirds were thwarted by Lansing's Jessica Teubert who "went off" — in the words of Kirtland coach Teresa Stuck — and worked the Stars into a scoring frenzy.

Teubert ended the night only after having dropped in 37 points and in the process helped bring her team to, at one point, a 23-point lead over the Firebirds. They went into the half with a score of 54-33 in favor of the Stars.

But the ride wasn't over for Kirtland and all five of the Firebird starters scored in double digits in the effort to knock down that lead, which they did in a big way.

"We showed a great effort today," Stuck said. "It was great to be back home, the crowd was great and the girls really had fun tonight. We showed a lot of composure from cutting a 23-point lead to just three points."

Julie Frank, from Toronto, played a big part in that, scoring a team-high 19 points for the Firebirds and adding 5 assists and 6 steals.

"Her defense was a huge spark for us," Stuck said.

Before a head knock took her out of the game, Lizz Stempki, from St. Ignace, dropped in 18 points for the Firebirds, 7 rebounds and 4 assists. Rena Barnett, of LeRoy, sank 15 for Kirtland, as well 4 assists and 3 steals. Chelsey Williams, of Houghton Lake, contributed 12 points and 7 rebounds. The lone sophomore on Kirtland's starting lineup, Emily Henion, scored 10 points and added 3 rebounds.

"Emily also had a 2-to-1 assist/turnover ratio for us which is huge," Stuck said. "It shows signs that we are getting smarter and taking care of the ball better because it will become contagious."

Nadia Blake, of Toronto, stepped up and made some big plays for the Firebirds down the stretch and Meghan Bastian also showed great maturity as a sophomore, coming off the bench and knocking down two free throws after Stempki was injured. Blake and Bastian added 6 points apiece, while Onica Jones, of Rochester, N.Y., rounded out the Firebirds' score with 2 points.

Stuck was quick to define the improvements her team needs to make soon.

"We need to find a defensive stopper, someone who can shut a player down," Stuck said. "We are lacking that right now and thus allowing one opposing player to single-handedly lift their team to victory."

But, after an exciting game, she's optimistic.

"I saw some things this game that I haven't seen in this team yet — we just need to get that out of everyone on a consistent basis," Stuck said. "We may have lost this battle but we don't measure ourselves in wins and losses — rather improvements that we make each game. If we improve every game, regardless if we win or lose we will win the post-season war."

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High Series: M. Starks, 524; S. Johnson, 505; N. Root, 490. High Game: P. Terry, 196; M. Starks, 189; N. Root, 188.

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High Series Women: M. Rysso, 477; C. Clark, 472; G. Van De Castele, 437. High Game Women: M. Rysso, 182; D. Doremire, 173; C. Clark, 165. High Series Men: G. Wolfe, 623; P. Faustman, 581; R. Pyle, 555. High Game Men: G. Wolfe, 252; B. Hollis, 216, P. Faustman, 214.

Pioneer League

Chemical Bank 25 - 15
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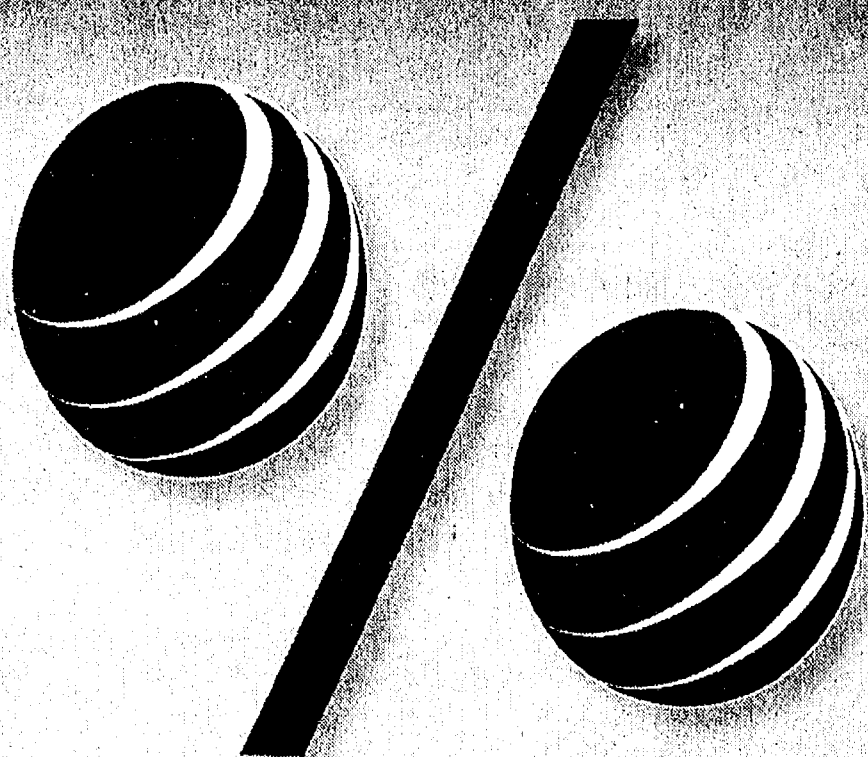
POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Frederic Inn 73
Holiday Inn 73

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Wrestling

Winter sports seasons to begin soon for GHS

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The Lake Michigan Conference has enough teams for wrestling this year, so Grayling will have a league schedule this year after a few seasons of being an independent.

"That changed our schedule quite a bit because now we're wrestling a league schedule," Pummell said. "It's great that we're in a league now but we lost a couple meets we've had for many years."

The LMC will have five of its schools competing in wrestling this year - Grayling, Kalkaska, Traverse City St. Francis, Elk Rapids, and Charlevoix.

"St. Francis and Elk Rapids just started their programs," Pummell said.

The GHS wrestling squad will open its 2005-06 season with a home meet vs. Gaylord on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 6 p.m. On Saturday, Dec. 3, the Vikings will compete at the Roscommon Invitational. The team's first league meet is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. at Grayling High School. The opponent will be Kalkaska.

The ski team is scheduled to begin practice this week. The Vikings compete in their first ski meet of the season on January 5 at Boyne Mountain.

The GHS volleyball team has three new coaches this year. Brian Banda is back as the varsity coach after a few years away from the program, and the JV and freshman coaches will be Arica D'Amour and Jenny Malonen.

The varsity volleyball squad



Boys Basketball

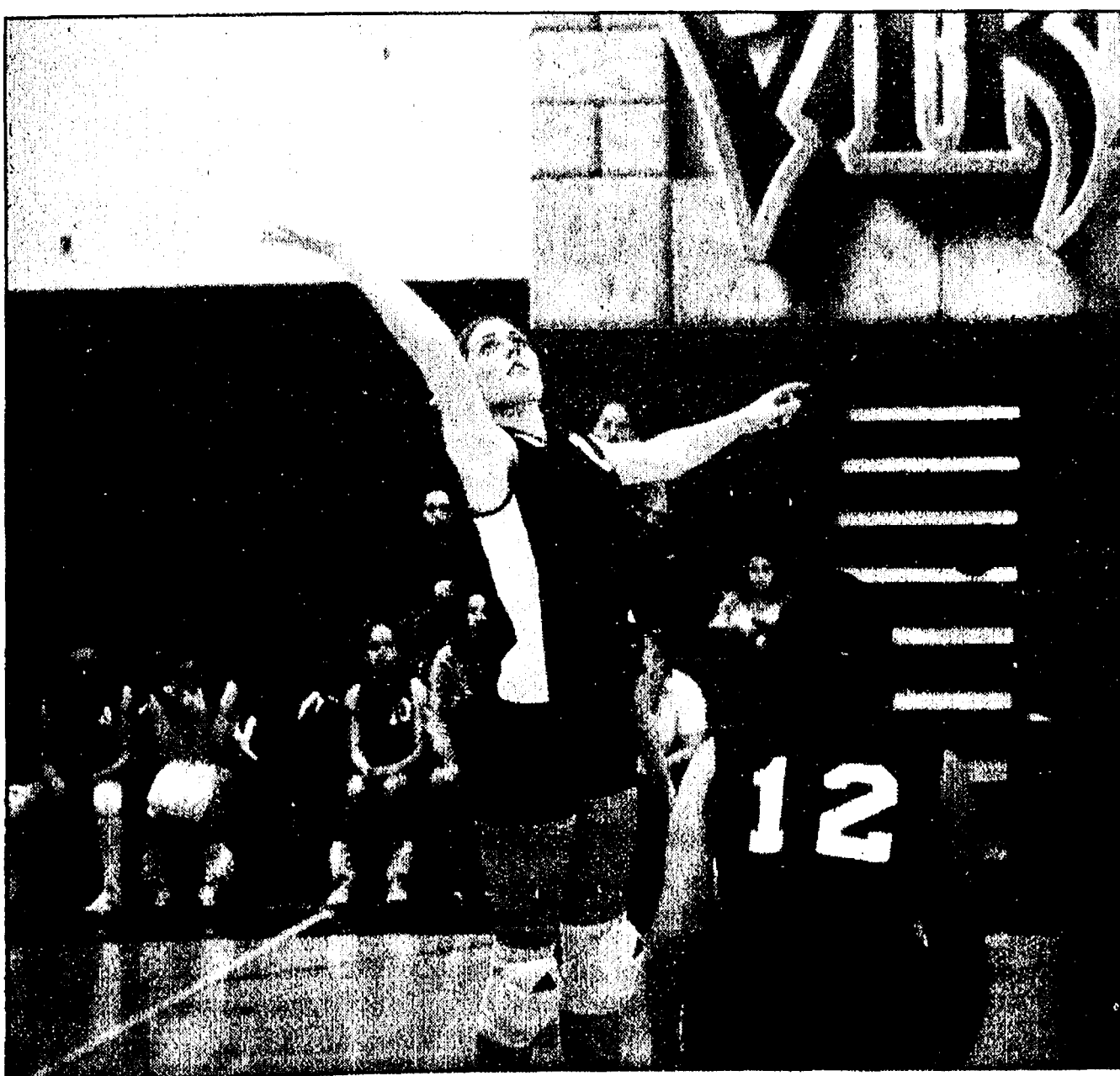
will open its 2005-06 game schedule with a meet at Roscommon on Saturday, Dec. 10. The team's home opener - a four-way meet featuring Houghton Lake, Roscommon, and West Branch - will be held on Monday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m.

The JV and freshman volleyball teams open their season with a home meet vs. Boyne City and Traverse City St. Francis on Monday, Dec. 12, at 5 p.m.

During the winter sports sea-

sons, there is always the chance that school will be canceled due to weather conditions. Pummell said that in the event of a snow day, all GMS sports will be canceled but high school sporting events may still take place, depending on location of the game or meet and road conditions between the participating schools.

"The decision will be made with the kids' safety always first," Pummell said.



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Trip #2
Thursday, December 8, 2005
for Houghton Lake
White Heads Restaurant & Walmart Shopping
"Out to Lunch Gang Trip"
Departing the Center at 10:30 a.m.
Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging
Contact Louise Mize @ 348-7123 to reserve a seat

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Delaware Mortgage, dated December 21, 2004 and recorded December 30, 2004 in Liber 673 Page 127 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2005-HE2, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents

(\$78,850.57) including interest 10.55% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, MI at 10:00AM. on Wednesday, December 14, 2005. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, except the East 33.33 feet thereof, and Lots 4, 5, 6, and 7, Block 1, Oak Hill Park First Addition, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 36, Crawford County Records. Commonly known as 8051 Margrethe Boulevard, Grayling MI 49738 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: NOVEMBER 9, 2005 HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of ACE Securities Corp. Home Equity Loan Trust, Series 2005-HE2, Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-40496 ASAP 733279 11/17/2005, 11/24/2005, 12/01/2005, 12/08/2005 -17-24-1-8

CRAWFORD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD POSITIONS

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications for the county planning commission.

Applicants are required to be county residents and to coordinate and implement the development and application of the county zoning ordinance. Members accumulate, tabulate, and study factual information relating to the physical resources and needs of Crawford County. Applications can be obtained from and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore by Thursday, December 1, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. or may be obtained on-line thru www.crawfordco.org and returned to Crawford County Clerk 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk



Zac Baker controls the ball during a varsity basketball practice drill on Tuesday.



Jim Boylan and Mike Boylan battle for position in the paint at a recent practice.

Vikings prepare for '05-06 boys basketball season

Continued from Page 1B

kids who played key roles last year. (Last season) Gibson Tobin and Josh Hinkle provided leadership in pressure situations - will our current seniors step up and replace the void that their graduation has given us? I believe that if we fill the void, we should have a good year," Coach Moffit said.

Grayling won a league title in the Lake Michigan Conference last year. Coach Moffit said the team could contend for another league title this year "if we play solid defensively."

"Traverse City St. Francis returns their entire lineup from a team that advanced to the Class C quarterfinals last year. Kalkaska returns a number of players, including Cory Heier, who may be the best player in the league. Charlevoix has a number of very good young players and should be a force to reckon with. Harbor Springs, Boyne City, Elk Rapids, and East Jordan can knock anybody off on a given night," Coach Moffit said.

The following is a list of players on this year's Viking squad, including a scouting report for each provided by Coach Moffit. (returning players)

Eli VanNuck - 5'10" senior guard - "Quick guard who was a key player for us last year.

Possesses a nice midrange jump shot and has the ability to finish at the rim. Second team Lake Michigan Conference last year. Tri-captain."

Reagan Schmidt - 5'10" senior guard - "Called by Gibson Tobin the toughest defender that he faced all year. Extremely aggressive defender who has the ability to score in transition. Tri-captain."

Bobby Starks - 6'2" senior guard/forward - "Very good passer and rebounder. Hit some key shots last year and finishes well at the rim. Tri-captain. First team Lake Michigan Conference last year."

Zach Dean - 6'4" senior forward - "Physical player who is a solid defender in the paint. Outstanding rebounder on the glass."

Ryan Feldhauser - 6'0" senior guard - "Best jumper on the team who is at his best when he is attacking the rim. Can hit the three-point shot."

Zac Baker - 5'11" senior forward - "Solid defender who can knock down the mid-range jumper. He will guard the opponent's best player."

Jim Boylan - 6'8.5" junior center - "Improved his game immensely from last year. Very good defensive and offensive rebounder. Shot blocker. Honorable mention Lake Michigan Conference last year."

Mike Boylan - 6'10" junior center - "Improved a ton from last year. Finishes at the rim and alters shots at the defensive end of the court."

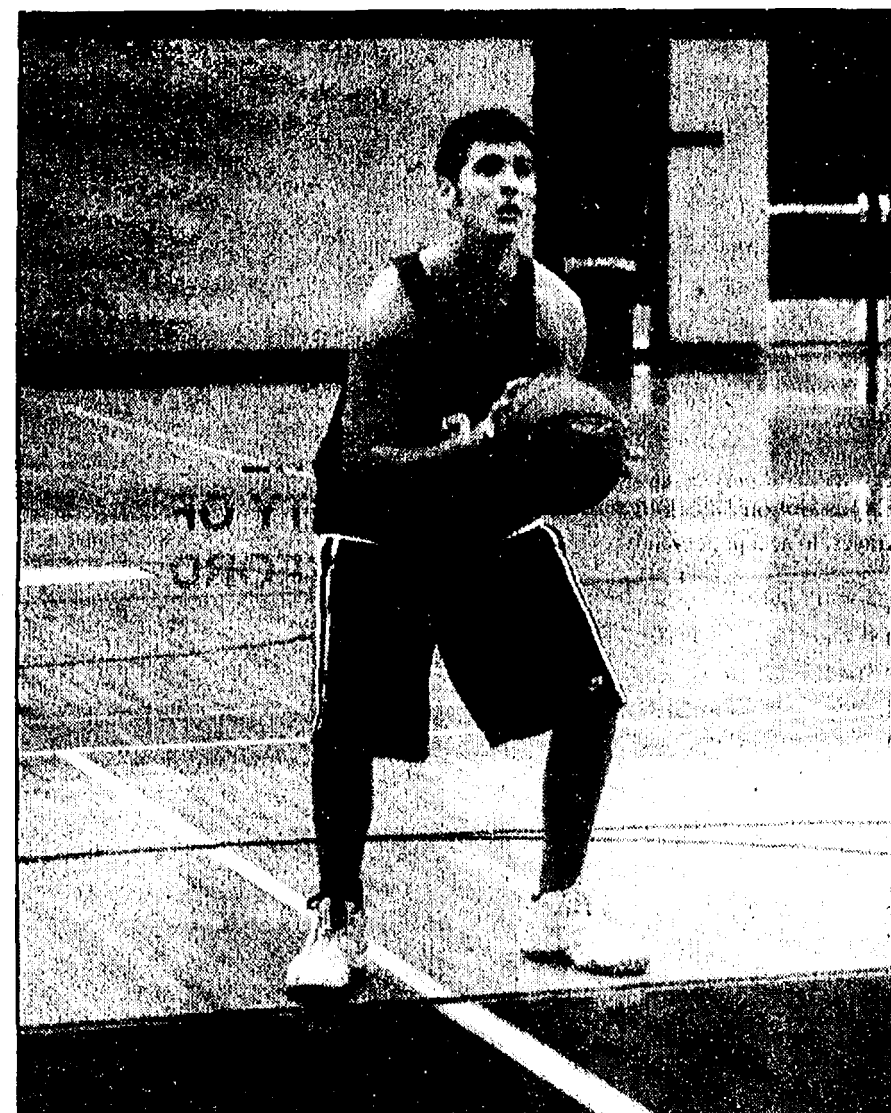
Zeke Hayes - 5'10" senior forward - "Very good defender and passer. Much improved from last year."

(newcomers)

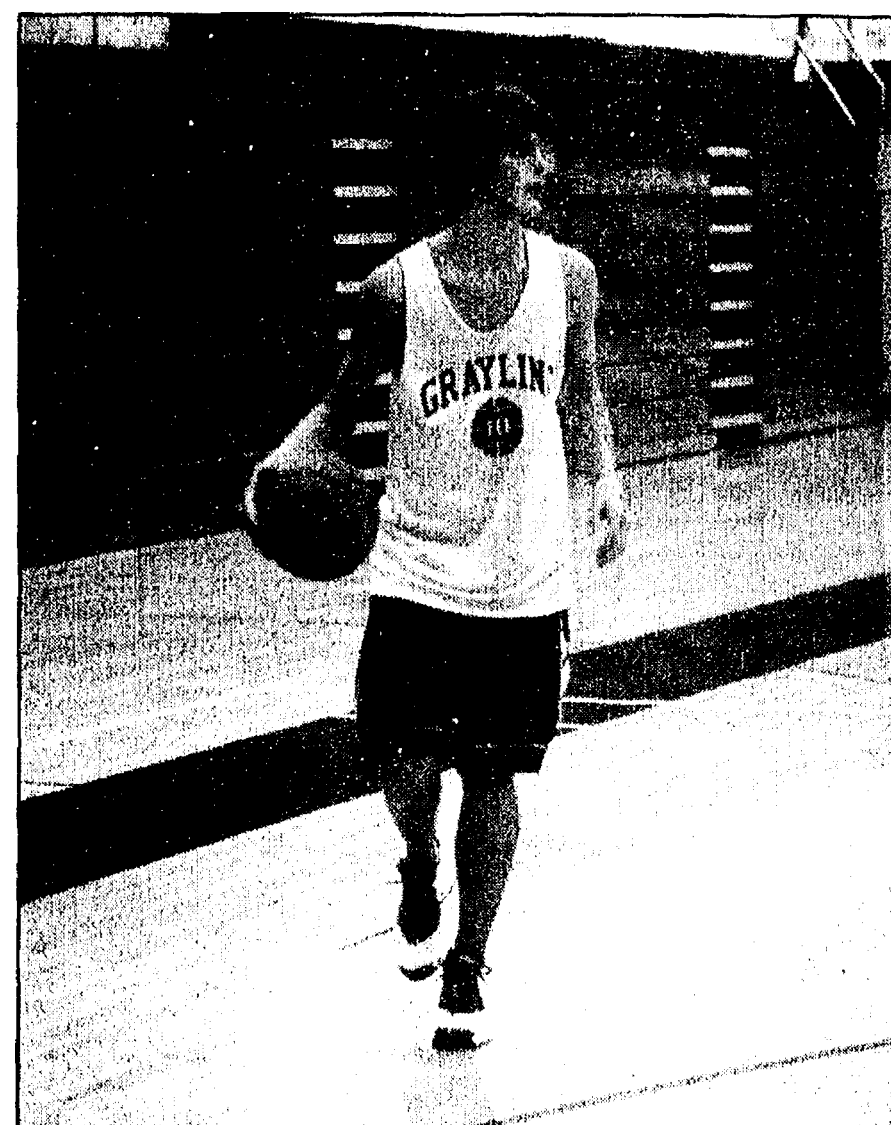
Steve Hodge - 5'10" junior guard - "Transfer student from Ann Arbor Pioneer. Solid ball handler and passer who can score inside and out. Possesses quickness at the defensive end of the court."

Nick Parkinson - 6'0" junior forward - "Athletic kid who runs the court very well in transition."

Ronnie Johnston - 5'10" senior guard - "Solid player who can dish and drive. Good shooter



Zeke Hayes practices free throw shooting.



Ryan Feldhauser handles the ball at practice.

from 15 to 18 feet."

Justin Summers - 6'0" junior forward - "Athletic player who

will split time between the JV and varsity. Potential."

Jeremiah Bootz - 6'3" junior center - Injured. Not expected to be ready for the start of the season.

The Vikings will open their 2005-06 season with a home game against Roscommon on Tuesday, Dec. 6. The contest will be the third game of a tripleheader, following the junior varsity and freshman games. The event starts at 4:30 p.m. with the freshman game. On Friday, Dec. 9, the Vikings will host Gaylord.

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LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting of November 9, 2005

Members Present: Shawn Kraycs, Dennis Long, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright

Members Absent: None.
Others Present: Robert Dixon, David Jager, Curt Marshall.

Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Motion by Long, second by Kraycs, to amend agenda and recess regular meeting to allow executive session regarding Michigan Tax Tribunal case. All ayes, motion carried.

2. Motion by Long, second by Kraycs, to reconvene Grayling Township Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Motion by Long, second by Kraycs, to empower Mr. David Jager, independent appraiser, to negotiate with Grayling Co-Generation Station, on behalf of Grayling Township, regarding their assessment protest with the Michigan Tax Tribunal using the proposal he has developed. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Motion by Long, second by Kraycs, to approve minutes of October 12, 2005 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Motion by Long, second by Kraycs, to approve record of Margrethe Boulevard Public Hearing (reconvened) on October 12, 2005 as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report for October was distributed and placed on file.

7. Correspondence and Reports: (No action required) Chamber News for Nov 05, Recycling Report for Oct. 05, Building Dept Report for Oct. 05, Grayling Twp. Revenue/Expenditure Report through 9-30-05, Charter Communication Franchise Agreement.

8. Motion by Long, second by Ashton, to appoint Terry R. Wright to Grayling Township's vacant seat on the Grayling Recreation Authority Board. All ayes, motion carried.

9. Motion by Krays, second by Long, to set a fee of \$30.00 per parcel or applications for Land Division/Split All ayes, motion carried.

10. Motion by Long, second by Krays, to adopt Residential and Commercial Building Permit Fee Schedule as proposed by Robert Dixon, Grayling Township Building Inspector. All ayes, motion carried. Effective January 1, 2006. (See attachment "A").

11. Motion by Long, second by Krays, to accept petition from more than 51% of property owners of frontage between Turner Trail and Nottingham Drive requesting re-zoning of that section of Ole Dam Road. A public hearing regarding creation of a Special Assessment District to fund the improvement will be held Wednesday, December 14, 2005 beginning at 6:30 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

12. Motion by Long, second by Krays, to approve payment of claims on vouchers 3805 3818-3821, 3825 through 3855, Board & Comm. Fees \$620.00 and Liquor Inspections \$120.00 for a grand total of \$33,894.36. All ayes, motion carried.

13. Motion by Long, carried, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. All ayes.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.

Grayling Township Clerk

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Suzanne Harmon, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Empire National Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 20, 1999, and recorded on October 4, 1999 in Liber 492 on Page 10, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Seventeen And 91/100 Dollars (\$32,017.91), including interest at 10% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on December 14, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South one-fourth of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 16, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. Except 33 feet off the East side for road right-of-way

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 10, 2005

For more information, please call:

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File #072100F01

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

FILE NO. 05 6761 CH (D)

Crawford County Housing Rehabilitation and Community Development Commission,

PLAINTIFF

VS

Joseph Parriet and Kimberly Puett aka

Kimberly Parriet,

DEFENDANTS

David R. Sabin P19822

Attorney for Plaintiff

115 Michigan Avenue

Grayling, Michigan 49738

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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that by virtue of a Default Judgment in the County of Crawford, Michigan, dated October 3, 2005, directing the sale of the following-described property which is located in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, I shall offer the said properties for public sale to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738, that being the

place of holding the Circuit Court on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2005 AT 10:00 A.M.

All that part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, lying South of Highway M-72. Affixed to the real estate is a 1992 Fairmont Manufactured Home SN MY9386285K. Tax ID No. 040 40 017 01 300 00.

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Sandra Moore
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kurt A. Hogue, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 14, 2003, and recorded on March 20, 2003 in Liber 624 on Page 265, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-One And 56/100 Dollars (\$40,751.56), including interest at 5.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 4, 2006.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 8, MARTHA M. BRINKS SECOND ADDITION, CITY OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 29, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 24, 2005

For more information, please call:

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File #074190F01

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ATTN POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: Green Tree

Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Lionel Richardson and Mary J. Richardson, husband and wife, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), dated April 24, 1998, and recorded in the Office

of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on May 4, 1998, in Liber 452, Page(s) 470, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$89,315.57, together with interest at 9.22 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on December 14, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., in the Lobby of the Courthouse in Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Crawford, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

LOT 3, JANICE MANOR, GRAYLING TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 22, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDS.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless the property is abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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Green Tree Servicing LLC

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Attorneys for Mortgagee

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Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James W. Collen and Sandra S. Collen, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Household Finance Corporation, III, Mortgagee, dated September 16, 2002, and recorded on September 24, 2002 in Liber 597 on Page 53, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Four And 40/100 Dollars (\$66,884.40), including interest at 10.48% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on January 4, 2006.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 5, 6 and 7, Block 7, Karen Woods Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records, excepting and reserving all that certain property known as East 1/2 of Lot 6, Block 7, Karen Woods Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Plat Liber 1, Page 44, acquired by George Collen and Carolyn Collen by deed dated 3/27/2001 recorded 4/10/2001 in Deed Volume 533 Page 329, excepting and reserving all that certain property known as Lot 7, Block 7, Karen Woods

Subdivision, Township of Grayling, Crawford County Michigan, acquired by Scott Collen by Deed dated 5/18/1998 recorded 5/19/1998 in Deed Volume 453 Page 607.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 1, 2005

For more information, please call:

FC H 248.593.1300

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Household Finance Corporation, III

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822

File #074731F01

-1-8-15-22

Notice Of

Foreclosure

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY (248) 362-6100 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Claudine K. Stocker, a married woman of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Long Beach Mortgage Company dated the 7th day of December, A.D. 1998, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 10th day of March, A.D. 1999, in Liber 0476 of Crawford Records, on page 352, which said mortgage was assigned to JPMorgan Chase Bank, formerly known as Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust 1999-LB1, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$28,882.11 (Twenty Eight thousand, Eight hundred Eighty Two dollars and Eleven cents) including interest there on at 10.99% (ten point nine nine) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of January, A.D., 2006, at 10:00 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Beaver Creek, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to-wit:

The South one-half of West one-half of the West one-half of the SW one-quarter of the SE one-quarter, Section 17, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

Commonly known as: 4436 Seven Mile Road

Tax ID: 050-017-015-040-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 1, 2005

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.

By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWR#0476764

-1-8-15-22-29

Notice Of

Foreclosure

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248) 539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Kevin J. Haberland, an unmarried man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 15, 2004, and recorded on July 22, 2004 in Liber 670, on Page 379, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTEEN AND 89/100 DOLLARS (\$30,413.89), including interest at 7.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some

part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on, January 4, 2006.

Said Premises are situated in Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

A piece of land commencing at the Northeast corner of the East one-half of the West one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 1 West; thence running South 520 feet, more or less, to the North line of River Road, thence West along the said North line of River Road 64.8 feet, thence North from the said North line of said River Road to the center of Fairview Road, thence East to the place of beginning; and subject to easement for highway purposes. Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan

TAX ID NO. 010-11-026-05-080-00

The Redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated November 21, 2005

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns Homecomings Financial Network, Inc.,

Mortgagee

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSO-

CIATES, P.C.

23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450

Southfield, Michigan 48075

-1-8-15-22

Mortgage Sale

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Gary Rodden and Carolyn Rodden, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Walter L. Weber, Mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated October 1, 2004, and recorded on October 8, 2004, in Liber 671, pages 891-892 inclusive, Crawford County Records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$56,569.66, including interest at 11% per annum, and including 6 late fees. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. local time, at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court facility, 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, Michigan, and is described as:

The East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 25, T25N, R2W.

The redemption period will expire one (1) year from the date of sale, unless it is determined that the property is abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: November 25, 2005

st John E. Rosczyk (P22847)

Attorney for Mortgagee, Walter L. Weber

243 Lake Street, P.O. Box 535

(989) 275-8966

-1-8-15-22-29

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT

CRAWFORD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION

PUBLICATION OF

NOTICE OF

HEARING

FILE NO. 05-7056-NC

In the matter of Tyler Matthew Prause, a minor.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. at Crawford County Probate Court before Judge John G. Hunter for the following purpose:

To hear a Petition to Change Name
Date: 11/19/05
Scott Matthew Michels
4730 N. Howes Lake Rd.
Fraser, MI 49733
989-390-1696

**McLean's Ace
Hardware**

**Moore's
Automotive**

**Grayling Auto
Repair**

Scheer Motors

Wendy's

**Sylvester's &
Wimpy's**

**Heads Up
North**

**DuBois Lumber
& Rental Center**

J. Dap Co.

**Cornell Insurance
Agency**

**Coldwell Banker
Cornell Realty**

**Grayling
Restaurant**

**Ice House
Quilt Shop**

**Great Lakes
Mortgage**

**Grayling Youth
Booster Club**

**The Medicine
Shope**

**Hart Pontiac
GMC Buick**

**Jansen Insurance
Agency**

**Fox Run Golf
Course**

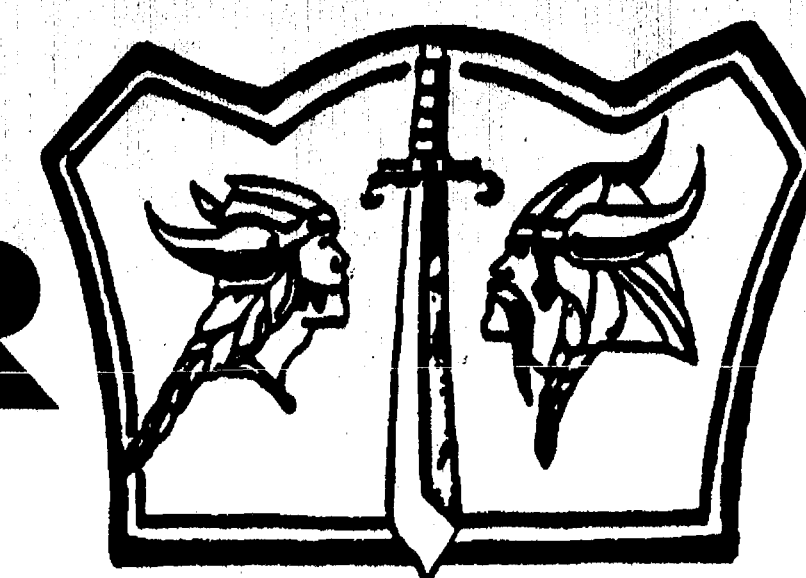
**North Michigan
Appraisal**

JJ's Motor Mall



2005-06 WINTER SPORTS CALENDAR

Grayling Vikings Sports Schedules



Varsity Skiing

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time
Thursday	January 5, 2006	League Meet @Boyne Mt.	A	4:30
Thursday	January 12, 2006	League Meet @Nubs Nob	A	4:30
Thursday	January 26, 2006	League Meet @Nubs Nob	A	4:30
Thursday	February 2, 2006	League Meet @Boyne Mt.	A	4:30
Monday	February 6, 2006	Manistee Inv. @ Crystal Mt.	A	10:00
Thur/Friday	February 16/17	Regionals	TBA	TBA
Tuesday	February 21, 2006	League Championship @Boyne Mt.	A	4:00
Monday	February 27, 2006	State Finals @ Nubs Nob	A	TBA

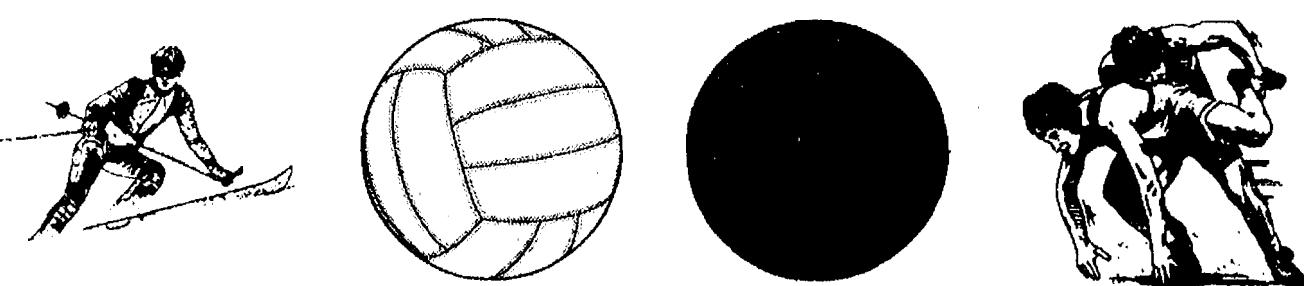
Varsity Wrestling

Day	Date	Event Opponent	H/A	Time
Thursday	December 1, 2005	Gaylord	H	6:00
Saturday	December 3, 2005	Roscommon Invitational	A	10:00
Thursday	December 8, 2005	Rogers City	A	6:00
Saturday	December 10, 2005	Mason County Central	A	10:00
Thursday	December 15, 2005	Kalkaska	H	6:00
Monday	December 19, 2005	TC St. Francis @ Charlevoix	A	6:00
Thursday	December 29, 2005	Freeland Invitational	A	TBA
Saturday	January 7, 2006	Oscoda Invitational	A	TBA
Thursday	January 12, 2006	Benzie Central	H	5:30
Thursday	January 19, 2006	Charlevoix	H	6:00
Saturday	January 21, 2006	Ithaca Invitational	A	TBA
Tuesday	January 24, 2006	Charlevoix	A	6:00
Thursday	January 26, 2006	Elk Rapids	A	6:00
Saturday	January 28, 2006	Gaylord Invitational	A	10:00
Saturday	January 28, 2006	Sault Ste. Marie (JV only)	A	10:00
Thursday	February 2, 2006	Kalkaska	A	6:00
Saturday	February 4, 2006	LMC Individual Championship	A	9:00
Wednesday	February 15, 2006	Team Districts	H	TBA
Saturday	February 18, 2006	Individual Districts	A	TBA
Wednesday	February 22, 2006	Team Regionals	A	TBA
Saturday	February 25, 2006	Individual Regionals	A	TBA

Middle School Wrestling

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time
Wednesday	February 1, 2006	T.C. West/T.C. East	A	4:00
Friday	February 10, 2006	Gaylord Tournament	A	4:00
Thursday	February 16, 2006	Alpena/Kingsley	H	4:00
Monday	February 20, 2006	Cheboygan/Rudyard	A	4:30
Tuesday	February 28, 2006	Gaylord	A	4:00
Wednesday	March 8, 2006	Petoskey/Rogers City	H	4:00

**Good Luck
Vikings!**



Varsity & JV Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time
Tuesday	December 6, 2005	Roscommon	H	6:00
Friday	December 9, 2005	Gaylord	H	6:00
Tuesday	December 13, 2005	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	6:00
Friday	December 16, 2005	Boyne City	A	6:00
Tuesday	December 20, 2005	Charlevoix	H	6:00
Friday	January 6, 2006	East Jordan	A	6:00
Tuesday	January 10, 2006	Harbor Springs	A	6:00
Friday	January 13, 2006	Elk Rapids	A	6:00
Tuesday	January 17, 2006	Kalkaska	H	6:00
Friday	January 20, 2006	Traverse City St. Francis	A	6:00
Tuesday	January 24, 2006	Roscommon	A	6:00
Friday	January 27, 2006	Boyne City	H	6:00
Tuesday	January 31, 2006	Harrison	H	6:00
Friday	February 3, 2006	Charlevoix	A	6:00
Tuesday	February 7, 2006	Gaylord	A	6:00
Friday	February 10, 2006	East Jordan	H	6:00
Friday	February 17, 2006	Harbor Springs	H	6:00
Tuesday	February 21, 2006	Elk Rapids	H	6:00
Friday	February 24, 2006	Kalkaska	A	6:00
Tuesday	February 28, 2006	Traverse City St. Francis	H	6:00

Freshman Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time
Tuesday	December 6, 2005	Roscommon	H	4:30
Friday	December 9, 2005	Gaylord	H	4:30
Tuesday	December 13, 2005	West Branch Ogemaw Heights	A	4:30
Friday	December 16, 2005	Boyne City	A	4:15
Tuesday	December 20, 2005	Charlevoix	H	4:15
Friday	January 6, 2006	East Jordan	A	4:15
Tuesday	January 10, 2006	Harbor Springs	A	4:15
Friday	January 13, 2006	Elk Rapids	A	4:15
Tuesday	January 17, 2006	Kalkaska	H	4:15
Friday	January 20, 2006	Traverse City St. Francis	A	4:15
Tuesday	January 24, 2006	Roscommon	A	4:30
Friday	January 27, 2006	Boyne City	H	4:15
Tuesday	January 31, 2006	West Branch Ogemaw Hgts.	H	4:30
Friday	February 3, 2006	Charlevoix	A	4:15
Tuesday	February 7, 2006	Gaylord	A	6:00
Friday	February 10, 2006	East Jordan	H	4:15
Friday	February 17, 2006	Harbor Springs	H	4:15
Tuesday	February 21, 2006	Elk Rapids	H	4:15
Friday	February 24, 2006	Kalkaska	A	4:15
Tuesday	February 28, 2006	Traverse City St. Francis	H	4:15

Middle School Boys Basketball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time
Thursday	November 3, 2005	Meet the Team	H	6:00
Thursday	November 17, 2005	Harbor Springs	H	5:00
Monday	November 21, 2005	East Jordan	A	4:30
Tuesday	November 29, 2005	Charlevoix	A	4:30
Thursday	December 1, 2005	Boyne City	H	5:00
Monday	December 5, 2005	Kalkaska	A	5:00
Monday	December 12, 2005	St. Elizabeth	A	4:30
Thursday	December 15, 2005	Elk Rapids	A	4:30
Monday	December 19, 2005	Elk Rapids	H	5:00
Wednesday	January 4, 2006	West Branch 8 th Grade	H	5:00
Wednesday	January 4, 2006	West Branch 7 th Grade	A	5:00
Thursday	January 5, 2006	St. Elizabeth	H	5:00
Monday	January 9, 2006	Kalkaska	H	5:00
Wednesday	January 11, 2006	Gaylord 7 th Grade	H	5:00
Wednesday	January 11, 2006	Gaylord 8 th Grade	A	5:00

Varsity Volleyball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time
Saturday	December 10, 2005	Roscommon	A	9:00
Monday	December 12, 2005	TC St. Francis/Boyne City	A	5:00
Monday	December 19, 2005	Houghton Lake/Rosco/W. Branch	H	6:00
Thursday	January 5, 2006	Elk Rapids	A	6:00
Monday	January 9, 2006	St. Francis/Boyne City	A	5:00
Monday	January 16, 2006	Whittemore/Houghton Lk./Standish	A	6:00
Thursday	January 19, 2006	Kalkaska	A	6:00
Saturday	January 21, 2006	Standish Sterling Invitational	A	9:00
Monday	January 30, 2006	Harbor Springs/Charlevoix	A	5:00
Saturday	February 4, 2006	Subway Invitational	H	9:00
Monday	February 6, 2006	East Jordan	H	6:00
Monday	February 13, 2006	East Jordan/Elk Rapids	A	5:00
Thursday	February 16, 2006	Kalkaska	H	6:00
Thursday	February 23, 2006	Cheboygan	A	6:00
Monday	February 27, 2006	Charlevoix/Harbor Springs	H	5:00

Underline denotes site of away meet

JV Volleyball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time
Monday	December 12, 2005	Boyne City/TC St. Francis	H	5:00
Monday	December 19, 2005	Rosco/W. Branch/Houghton Lake	A	6:00
Thursday	January 5, 2006	Elk Rapids	A	6:00
Monday	January 9, 2006	Boyne City/TC St. Francis	A	6:00
Saturday	January 14, 2006	Kalkaska Tournament	A	9:00
Thursday	January 19, 2006	Kalkaska	A	6:00
Monday	January 23, 2006	Gaylord/Rudyard	A	6:00
Monday	January 30, 2006	Harbor Springs/Charlevoix	H	5:00
Monday	February 6, 2006	East Jordan	H	6:00
Monday	February 13, 2006	East Jordan/Elk Rapids	H	5:00
Thursday	February 16, 2006	Kalkaska	H	6:00
Thursday	February 23, 2006	Cheboygan	A	6:00
Wednesday	February 27, 2006	Charlevoix/Harbor Springs	A	5:00

Underline denotes site of away meet

Freshman Volleyball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time
Monday	December 12, 2005	Boyne City/TC St. Francis	H	5:00
Monday	December 19, 2005	Rosco/W. Branch/Houghton Lake	A	6:00
Thursday	January 5, 2006	Elk Rapids	A	4:30
Monday	January 9, 2006	Boyne City/TC St. Francis	A	5:00
Thursday	January 19, 2006	Kalkaska	A	6:00
Monday	January 23, 2006	Gaylord/Rudyard	A	6:00
Monday	January 30, 2006	Harbor Springs/Charlevoix	H	5:00
Monday	February 6, 2006	East Jordan	H	6:00
Monday	February 13, 2006	East Jordan/Elk Rapids	H	5:00
Thursday	February 16, 2006	Kalkaska	H	6:00
Thursday	February 23, 2006	Cheboygan	A	6:00
Wednesday	February 27, 2006	Charlevoix/Harbor Springs	A	5:00

Underline denotes site of away meet

Middle School Volleyball

Day	Date	Opponent	H/A	Event Time
Monday	January 30, 2006	Charlevoix	H	5:00
Thursday	February 2, 2006	Elk Rapids	A	4:30
Monday	February 6, 2006	Kalkaska	H	5:00
Thursday	February 9, 2006	Harbor Springs	A	5:00
Monday	February 13, 2006	Elk Rapids	H	4:30
Thursday	February 16, 2006	Kalkaska	A	5:00
Wednesday	February 22, 2006	TC St. Elizabeth	A	4:30
Thursday	February 23, 2006	East Jordan	H	5:00
Monday	February 27, 2006	Boyne City	A	5:00
Thursday	March 2, 2006	TC St. Elizabeth	H	5:00

**Upper Lake
Tire**

7-Eleven

**Dynamic PT
Pat Cosgrove**

**Scott McNamara
Ford-Mercury**

**AuSable Eye Care
Dr. Dean • Dr. Aubry**

Westside Diner

**Mary Becker
Washington Mortgage**

**Kelloggs Bridge
One Stop**

USA Trailers

Riverland

**Ole Dam Rd.
Party Store**

**American Legion
Lounge & Lanes**

**Ralph Oppermann
D.D.S**

**Patty's Place
Frederic**

**Jack Millikin,
Inc.**

**Bloomquist &
Associates PLLC**

**Grayling
Holiday Inn**

**Showtyme
Collision**

**Gray Rock
Cafe**

**Comfort Center
Furniture Store**

**Grayling
Pharmacy**

**As Wee Grow
Child Care Center**

**AuSable
Construction**

Ferrellgas

Davis Jewelers

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
December 1, 1982

Eighteen high school students, all tagged with fake injuries from a make believe explosive in a high school chemistry lab helped Mercy Hospital and the Crawford County Civil Defense operate a disaster drill. The students were tagged with a multiple of injuries such as burns, cuts, fractures, even heart failure. The drill provided hospital staff, including administrators and maintenance crew who pitch in, with experience that may save lives if a disaster ever strikes.

The Grayling Viking Wrestler's, who racked up 11 tournament titles last year, hope to pick up where they left off last year when they start a new season this week.

Deer season ended this week in Northern Michigan but the Grayling Vikings basketball team plan to open their own "run and gun" season Friday at home against Lake City.

The Detroit and Mackinac Railroad Company had to use big equipment to unplug the dam underneath the railroad bridge by the county courthouse. Debris had started to collect around the supports following a storm last fall and continued to grow, possibly aided by beavers, until the river level dropped three to four inches behind the dam.

During the week of Nov. 15,

the Grayling eighth grade girls basketball team traveled to Gaylord to play in a basketball tournament. They came back with an impressive three game sweep to bring home the tournament trophy.

The Grayling Infant Care Center, opened in September as an addition to the Crawford AuSable Day Care, the infant care center was filled up the first day.

The Sno Drift Pro Rally is the ultimate event in the Sports Car Club of America's PRO Rally Championship. The race promises to be the "sickest" of the season. The Sno Drift Rally will feature 300 miles of all night flat-out racing on the back roads and trails of central Michigan.

The annual Cartoon Show for children will be at the Rialto Theatre on Saturday. Admission is one can of food. The canned goods will be distributed in Christmas baskets by Crawford County Community Service, GPA, and the Professional Women's Association.

Miller True Value Hardware store advertised a 3 piece Corelle Serving Set for \$9.99 as the Bargain of the Month.

The Pathfinders and Brownies collected a total of 455 cans of food to fill 11 Thanksgiving baskets.

46 Years Ago
December 3, 1959

The Grayling Winter Sports Park is set to open this weekend. The trows will operate this weekend and all of the hydraulic safeties have been installed.

Hugo Schreiber, a pioneer resident of Crawford County, passed away suddenly on November 27th, at the age of eighty. He came to Crawford County at the age of two with his parents, who settled near the Stephan Bridge. He attended what is now the Feldhauser School.

Sunday, December 6, marks the 47th milestone of the Grayling Moose Lodge and will be celebrated by a weekend of enjoyment topped off with the enrollment of one hundred new members.

The Rialto Theatre will be closed from December 1 until Christmas Day. It will reopen Christmas Day with a matinee. The special Christmas feature is the lovely and enchanting "Song of Bernadette" starring Jennifer Jones and William Eythe.

The Black and White Market, "The biggest little store in the North," advertised \$150 in groceries to be given free at the B & W Gala Yule Event. You will be given one ticket for every \$1 you spend, simply fill it out and drop it in the Yule Party bag for a chance to win. They also advertised spare ribs for 29 cents per lb., Gold Medal Flour, 10 lbs., for 99 cents and walnuts, 2 lbs., for 89 cents.

More than half a hundred ladies braved the slippery snow to attend the Christmas Style Show

given by the Pink Lady apparel shop. It was held at the Michelson Church dining room.

69 Years Ago
December 3, 1936

Wilfred Laurant, Curry and Reggie Sheehy, enjoyed seeing the Lions - Bears professional football game in Detroit on Thanksgiving day. They, with Mrs. Laurant and Miss Odie Sheehy, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Scarlett. They also enjoyed Sunday with the Einer Rasmussen family in Marlette.

Mrs. Emil Giegling entertained her bridge club with a very delightful luncheon. Mrs. Roy Milnes received the honors for high score for contract.

92 Years Ago
December 4, 1913

Newspaper reports state that there were over 6,000 deer killed in the Upper Peninsula this season.

Olaf Sorenson & Sons have just put up a new electric sign at their cigar store.

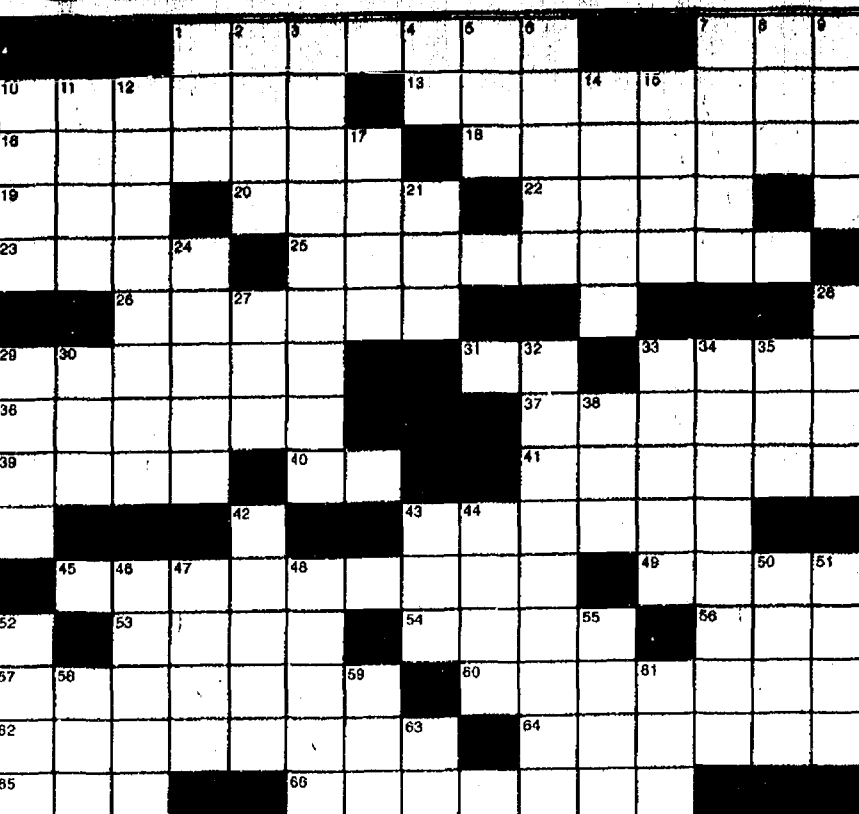
Mrs. Rasmus Hanson has presented the Grayling Social Club with a set of dishes for use at banquets.

R. Hanson has moved his private office to the office building formerly occupied by himself and N. Michelson and also the Kerry & Hanson Flooring Co.

John Benson has purchased the corner property back of the Russell Hotel, and will build a fine cement garage there.

Game Warden Babbitt arrested a hunter from Lansing for killing a butcher bird.

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Attracted.
 7. Large European scaraboid beetle.
 10. Long-haired breed of cat similar to a Persian.
 13. Past due.
 16. Slang for "wonderful."
 18. Came out of hiding.
 19. Rather than.
 20. Number of members on a basketball team.
 22. In this way.
 23. Shaped mass of baked bread.
 25. Sucrose obtained from sugar cane.
 26. Town in Massachusetts.
 29. Keyed instrument resembling a harpsichord.
 31. Heraldic color for gold or yellow.
 33. Rhythmic expression of feelings.
 36. Honorary title for a wise man in India.
 37. Make possible.
 39. Acronym for Electronic Route Guidance System.
 40. Currently fashionable.
 41. Dignified and somber in manner.
 43. Caused distress to someone.
 45. Hit song by the Supremes.
 49. Probability that an event will occur.
 53. Be in charge of.
 54. Plural of "go."
 56. Small hole in a needle.
 57. Waitress or a waiter.
 60. Make more attractive.
 62. Chronic sleeplessness.
 65. Stupid person.
 68. Most distant in any direction.
- Down
1. Total a sum.
 2. Gray, Colonel Wilma Deering on TV's Buck Rogers.
 3. Large pasta tubes.
 4. Used for expressing limit of movement.
 5. Goldburg, Toronto-based folk performer.
 6. Fellow-laborer of Paul during his first imprisonment in Rome.
 7. 1999 film starring Ben Affleck.
 8. Smallest whole number.
 9. Put in order.
 10. Morten, Norwegian singer.
 11. Improvisational style instrumental trio.
 12. Bright with steady but subdued shining.
 14. Variety show with topical sketches, songs, dancing and comedians.
 15. Something that is extremely boring.
 17. Growl.
 21. Final section.
 24. Comes upon, as if by accident.
 27. Garland of flowers worn around the neck.
 28. Primeval Egyptian personification of air and breath.
 29. Past tense of speed.
 30. Standard number of strokes set for each hole on a golf course.
 32. Place where one makes their home.
 33. Of a lower intensity in color.
 34. Willing to obey.
 35. Common name for the Ulmaceae.
 38. Not.
 42. Equip with better weapons.
 43. Domestic swine.
 44. Plant used to treat burns and dry skin.
 46. Writer of an ode.
 47. Vote that blocks a decision.
 48. Exact duplicate.
 51. Walk as if unable to control one's movement.
 52. Large, hurried swallow.
 55. Anything not genuine.
 58. Black tropical American cuckoo.
 59. Cancel.
 61. Unit of metric land measure.
 63. Used to indicate location.

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

ADOPT A PET



"Curly," a curly-coated chocolate retriever, came to the shelter about 3 weeks ago from the Staley Lake Rd. area. Someone has to be missing this big guy! He is now available for adoption. If you know of anyone missing their pet while visiting "up north," please tell them to contact the shelter... we just may have their pal!

-2006 CRAWFORD COUNTY DOG LICENSES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SHELTER!

Be sure to stop by The Copy Shop and see the new "Opoly" board games available just in time for Christmas! Gift tags, gift wrap, calendars and notecards are also on sale to benefit the shelter. Calendars are also on sale at the Avalanche.

Donations to the shelter's daily operations or new building fund are always welcome! Send check or money order to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738. All donations are tax deductible!

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117
For more pets or more information, visit our website www.asc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week				Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Precip.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
11/23	24	8	0						
11/24	29	8	6 s						
11/25	17	-4	2 s	High 32	High 27	High 27	High 29	High 29	High 31
11/26	26	-2	1 s	Low 18	Low 16	Low 16	Low 16	Low 18	Low 18
11/27	30	12	0						
11/28	40	30	0.25 r						
11/29	57	30	0.44 r	Snow Shower	Snow Shower/ Wind	Few Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers	Snow Shower	Snow Shower

(s) denotes snow
(r) denotes rain

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

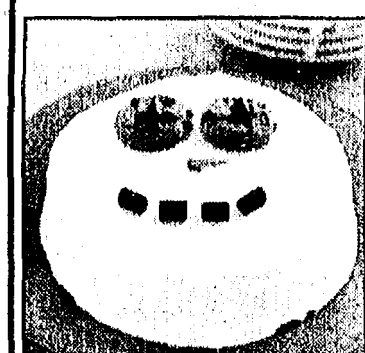
Cookies & Cream Snowman Dessert

2 cups milk
1 pkg. (4-serving size) Chocolate Flavor Instant Pudding & Pie Filling
30 Chocolate Sandwich Cookies
1-1/2 cups thawed Whipped Topping
Decorations: 1 baby carrot and 1 piece red string licorice

POUR milk into medium bowl. Add dry pudding mix; beat with wire whisk 2 min. or until well blended.

LINE 8-inch round cake pan with plastic wrap. Arrange 14 of the cookies in bottom of pan; spread 1 cup of the pudding mixture over cookies. Repeat layers of 14 cookies and remaining pudding mixture; cover with plastic wrap.

REFRIGERATE at least 24 hours. Uncover. Invert onto serving plate; remove plastic wrap. Frost with whipped topping. Decorate face by placing remaining 2 cookies as "eyes" and carrot for "nose." Cut licorice into 6-inch length for "mouth."



..Kidding..

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

DID YOU KNOW ??

Elephants are the only land mammals that cannot jump.

connect the dots

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of December 1, 2005

CAPRICORN
December 22-January 19

This week is all about thanks, Capricorn. Be grateful for what you have and make sure everyone around you knows how much you appreciate them.

ARIES
March 21-April 19

Passion explodes and you and your loved one are whisked away on a grand adventure. A financial burden is finally lifted.

CANCER
June 22-July 22

The tides of change sweep your way, Cancer, and take you in a new direction. Go with it. Prior knowledge of an incident gets you into trouble at work.

LIBRA
September 23-October 22

Responsibilities multiply and your workload increases. Put your nose to the grindstone but don't get so lost in your work that you forget to play. Everyone needs a break now and then.

AQUARIUS
January 20-February 18

Form and function dictate a home improvement project. A short trip satisfies the urge to travel. Don't forget to pack your camera.

TAURUS
April 20-May 20

A special occasion requires careful planning. Taurus. Double-check the guest list and make sure you haven't left anyone out. A project at work starts off with a bang!

LEO
July 23-August 22

Family and friends gather together for some good, old-fashioned fun. Join the party. A minor health crisis is abated. Celebrate with a night on the town.

SCORPIO
October 23-November 21

A dilemma reoccurs, Scorpio. Examine all of the options before you and then resolve it once and for all. A friend drops by with intriguing news.

PISCES
February 19-March 20

Life at home becomes old hat and boredom sets in. Break up the monotony with a little get-together. Cook up some food, turn on the music and get ready to have a ball.

GEMINI
May 21-June 21

The truth comes out, Gemini, and you can't believe it. Give yourself some time to get used to the idea before you take action. A friend questions your motives.

VIRGO
August 23-September 22

Chaos erupts at home as you prepare for a family feast. Take charge and delegate responsibilities as you see fit. A book leads you on a personal journey.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22-December 21

This week is full of wonderful moments, Sagittarius. Savor them. Darker times lie ahead. A home repair turns out to be more of a challenge than you anticipated.

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1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN Properties www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

GREAT 4 BEDROOM 2 bath home with deeded access to the Manistee River. 2-car attached and heated garage, and also a 20' x 38' pole barn for lots of storage. Beautifully decorated and landscaped, and much, much more. \$148,500 MLS #239652 Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481. (-1/1)

1. Real Estate

2 BEDROOM HOME on approximately 3 acres, off of 72 West. 2-car garage, 3 storage sheds. Asking \$58,000. 989-348-8503. (-1-8/1)

GREAT RENTAL or starter home. 1973 Star Mobile, newer windows, newer furnace in 2002, newer steel roof in 2002. \$22,500 MLS #233648 Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481. (-1/1)

1. Real Estate

VERY CLEAN well maintained 2 bedroom mobile with both living room and family room. Fully furnished, including dishes and sheets. Bring your groceries and move in. Ideal for first-time home buyer or recreational retreat. Adjoins state land and close to Blue Lake. \$41,000 MLS #235910 Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481. (-1/1)

1. Real Estate

HOME ON 2.5 ACRES near recreational areas and state land. \$79,900 MLS #239187 Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481. (-1/1)

MOTIVATED OWNERS ARE MOVING south and willing to sacrifice clean, well kept, older Marlette mobile home on approximately .28 acres in Arbutus Beach Highlands, Gaylord. For more information, call Deanna at 989-390-6974. (9/27/05tf/1)

1. Real Estate

FOR SALE LOG HOME on 5 acres, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, finished basement, 2 car garage plus shop. 8 miles, East 72. \$180,000. 348-5230. (LR12/01/15/1)

WANT TO BUY a home, but have low income? Call Connie at Century 21 at (989) 348-5474 for details on how to apply for low income financing. (-17 24-1/1)

1. Real Estate

CRAWFORD COUNTY UNITED WAY is seeking donations of buildable land for future fund raiser. Contact Linda Williams at 989-348-9300. (11/24/05tf/1)

PRIME COMMERCIAL good investment. M-72 West, 2 miles from town. 989-348-4981. (-1-8/1)



Stunning full log home on Wakeley Creek. You won't be able to wipe the grin off your face when you walk into this spectacular home. Open-log staircase, wood flooring, Amish made cabinetry, Cathedral Pine ceilings, extensive wrap around decking. \$294,000 #5588



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8968 Edward Kumm Dr., Roscommon, MI
 3 bdrm., 2 bath, 2-1/2 car garage, full basement
\$165,000

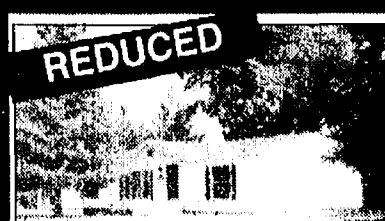
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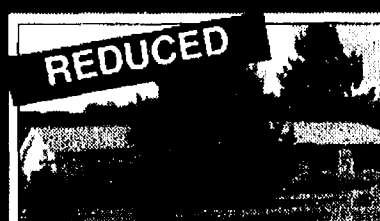
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REDUCED
 Great home on a beautiful wooded 2 acre parcel and 348 feet of May Lake Frontage. Home has walk-in closets in all 3 bedrooms, master suite has its own private bath. Attached 2 car garage. Property is manicured and landscaped naturally. \$98,500 #5532



REDUCED
 Three Bedroom, two bath home on 7.7 acres in Lovells Township. Two car attached garage, plus 2 car detached heated garage with workshop. Well maintained home with fireplace, screened-in porch and storm cellar. Storage shed and hunting blind. \$130,000 #5578



REDUCED
 Stunning english country home sitting on the banks of the AuSable River! Home has just gone under total restoration and features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, ceramic tile and hardwood flooring, stained glass doors, french doors, and antique chandeliers! \$245,000 #5530



Heated in-ground pool, beautifully landscaped on over an acre of land, only 1/2 mile from town. 1840 square foot home, large kitchen, master suite with Jacuzzi tub, large storage building 27x14. 24x24 attached garage. \$129,000 #5511



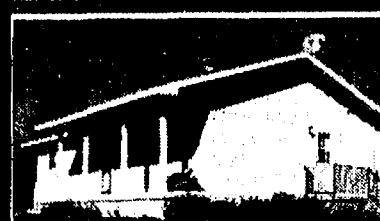
A two story chalet with one bedroom down and two upstairs. Features one and one half baths and includes, stove, refrigerator, and dishwasher. Situated on five wooded acres with large 24x32 garage on a county maintained paved road just South of Grayling. #5317 \$110,000



Four bedroom, one bath family home located close to schools and hospital. Home sits on two city lots, has a 1st floor laundry room, formal dining room, living room, attached two car garage, partial basement, landscaping, and concrete driveway. Everything you'll need for a large family is here! #5361 \$53,000



Make an appointment to see this wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home featuring a large living room w/fireplace and glass door to extensive back decking. Large yard & deeded easement to 600 feet of the Manistee River. \$127,500 #5591



Automotive Aficionados! Cozy 2 bedroom, 1 bath home on 2.5 acres across from state land with 1,920 sq. ft. garage. Garage is finished, heated, insulated and includes sauna, two drive bays, paint bay, work benches and more. \$124,900 #5587



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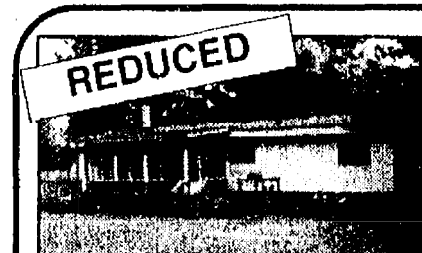
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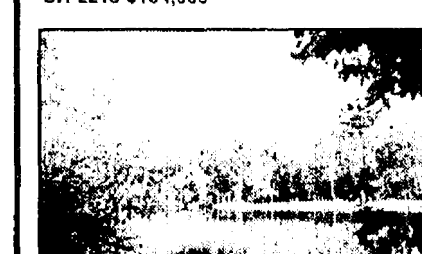


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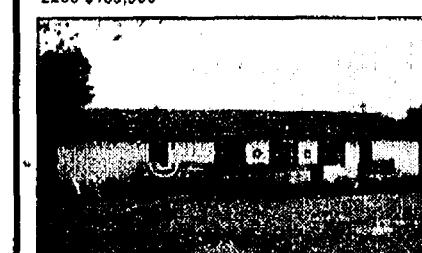
REDUCED
160' FRONTAGE ON THE MANISTEE RIVER. Beautiful setting amongst majestic white pines. Large front yard with dock into river. 1,440 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, formal dining room, large family room and living room, 10x18 riverside sun porch. Newer roof, doors and vinyl siding. 22x22 garage. CH-2213 \$154,900



LEASE 20 ACRES W/700' FRONTAGE ON THE AUSABLE RIVER. Aspen and pine trees on a slightly rolling terrain. AuSable River mainstem just above McMaster's Bridge Road. Leased property expires on December 31, 2012 (7 years), includes 1963 12 x 65 mobile home. Lease fee approximately \$750 annually. CH-2207 \$8,950



APPROXIMATELY 450' FRONTAGE ON THE AUSABLE RIVER 1,560 s.f., 4 BR, 2 baths, knotty pine cathedral ceilings, open staircase w/loft railings, stone hearth w/wood stove, and security system. Extensive decking, patio, sidewalks, and landscaping. Garage is insulated, heated, over-head storage, and two storage buildings. Beautiful view amongst mature hardwood and white pine trees. Very private setting yet close to town. CH-2208 \$189,900



AS WE GROW CHILD CARE CENTER - 2,380 s.f. custom built for day care, central A/C, cyclone fencing, full kitchen, all appliances, including washer, dryer, and freezer, four bathrooms. Built in 2000. Handicap ramp, and three rear decks. \$40,000 for the business, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings. Excellent opportunity for established business or ideal location for office or retail. CH-2190 \$210,000 Real Estate Only.

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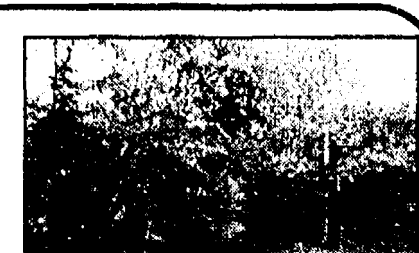
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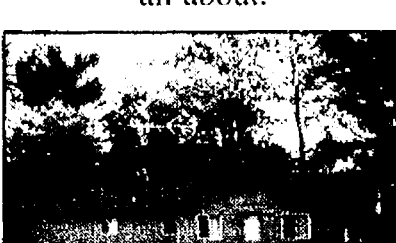
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10 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL HARWOODS. This rolling terrain is full of wildlife and is close to state land. Electricity is at road and the access road is blacktop. CS-2217 \$32,000



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\$99,000 For sale by owner, Higgins Lake area. 1500 sq. ft. home, 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, 28 x 20 living room, open floor plan, spacious sun room. 935 sq. ft. heated garage, large storage barn. www.lech.ws. 989-281-0321. (LR12/29/05/1)



Large 5 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,688 sq. foot on 2.6 acres. 2 1/2 car detached garage, beautiful great room, ceramic tile master bathroom, central air, underground sprinkler system. Asking price \$175,000. To view or inquire, please call (989) 348-6391 ask for Paul or Corrine.



SECLUDED, ELEVATED, SPACIOUS 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch, possible 4th bedroom in full basement. New paint throughout, all appliances included. Stone fireplace with insert, oak cabinets, doors and trim, ceiling fans, walk-in closets. 8.89 acres of rolling hardwoods, access to trails on maintained hard top in Frederic. 24 x 36 pole barn, framed, trussed, needs completion. Appraised at 119k, asking 111k. Must see, must sell. 858-0027. (-1/1)

RECREATION OR SERENITY Take your pick. Enjoy hunting, fishing, snowmobiling or quietly watch the wildlife from the front porch of this home. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offers enjoyment inside and out. Fireplace in the living room and wood stove in the great room offers opportunity to enjoy those cold nights snuggled in your favorite chair. Many built-in features throughout the home. \$186,900. MLS #240371 Call Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty at 989-348-6481. (-1/1)

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY house and cottage rentals near Roscommon, Grayling, on Higgins Lake and on Houghton Lake. Higgins North Vacation Rentals. (989) 821-3434. (12/25/03tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE for rent. \$450 and up. 989-348-5278. References, some pet restrictions. Seniors welcome. (-12/02/04tf/2)

ROOM MATE WANTED \$60/week, \$500 security and utilities included. 989-344-1366. (-1/2)

ROOMY 1 BEDROOM upper apartment, in good neighborhood. Includes gas, electric, water, stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer and digital cable. Carpeted throughout. No children, no smoking, no pets. \$580 per month plus deposit. References required. Phone: 348-8993. (-1-8/2)

OFFICE SPACE individual or multiple. Includes DSL, heat, electric, water, lunch room, conference room and use of existing phone system. Ample parking and high traffic location; immediate occupancy and flexible lease term. \$395/month, 989-348-5474, ask for Randy Thompson. (09/08/05tf/2)

COZY 2 BEDROOM 1 bath house. Non-smoking, no pets. \$450 per month. Available Nov. 15th. 348-6801 (10/07/05tf/2)

201 FULTON ST. One bedroom, upper level apartment. Intercom from apartment to locked security door. Air conditioned, new kitchen cabinets, a very nice apartment. Individual locked storage in basement, with hookup for washer and dryer. Garage with auto opener. Non smoking and no pets. Must see to appreciate. \$450 per month. \$425 security deposit plus utilities. References required. call 989-348-7143 (-09/22/05tf/2)



FOR RENT 1995 14 x 70 Three bedroom mobile home with lot. Located in Grayling Mobile Estates, 218 Crestwood. Natural gas and cable TV available. Good condition. \$475.00 per month plus deposit. Contact Ron at 989-348-6761, days. 989-344-2053, nights and weekends.

3. Employment

SPEECH INSTRUCTORS: Kirtland Community College is accepting applications for part-time instructors to teach speech courses for the Winter, 2006 semester. Bachelor's degree in related field required; master's degree and experience teaching at the college level preferred. Send cover letter, resume, and copies of transcripts to Human Resources Department, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Kirtland is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

ENGLISH INSTRUCTORS: Kirtland Community College is accepting applications for part-time instructors to teach English courses for the Winter, 2006 semester. Bachelor's degree in English required; master's degree and experience teaching at the college level preferred. Send cover letter, resume, and copies of transcripts to Human Resources Department, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Kirtland is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

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NICE CLEAN TWO BEDROOM mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$450 plus deposit. No pets. 348-2418. (-1-8/2)

FURNISHED 1.5 BEDROOM COTTAGE with garage. Private wooded location, halfway between Grayling and Roscommon. \$500 a month. First and last months rent, credit report obtained. 989-939-8965. (-24-1/2)

RENTALS in the Grayling area. 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms available. First months rent, security deposit and references required. For more information contact Steve at 989-619-9689. (LR12/08/05/2)

QUIET AND SECLUDED 2 bedroom home, 20 miles east of Grayling, abundant wildlife. \$600 month rent. Available Dec. 1. Call 213-597-9673, leave a message. Cell (989) 390-1482. (-24-1/2)

UPSTAIRS 1 BEDROOM on the Ausable. \$390 a month plus utilities. References, no pets. 231-599-2895. (11/17/05tf/2)

5 ACRE RIVER FRONT property. Quiet, 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, large patio and yard. \$775 a month, includes snow plowing. Deposit and references required. Call 720-221-8600. (-17-24-1/2)

3 BEDROOM 2 bath, double wide modular home, propane heat. \$550 per month plus utilities. First and last month's to move in. 6 miles out of Grayling. 348-6994. (-1/2)

FOR RENT Grayling Housing Commission

Is taking applications for a (1) bedroom apartment. Base Rent is based on 30% of Adjusted Income- Maximum Ceiling Rents

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3. Employment

CUTE COZY 1 BEDROOM home, fully furnished, on Higgins Lake. \$450 per month plus utilities. Call 231-218-8529. (-24-1/2)

FARM HOUSE half way between Grayling and Kalkaska. 3 to 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 plus car garage. Lots of character. \$700/month plus deposit and utilities. 989-348-5384. (-1/2)

RURAL MANAGEMENT GROUP, LTD. currently has openings at Stone Manor and Maple Wood Manor both located in Mio. Rental applications are available on-site or contact Rural Management Group, P.O. Box 265 Hillman, MI 49746 or call 989-742-4020. Hearing or speech impaired TBS 1-800-649-3777. An Equal Housing Opportunity. (-1-8/2)

3 BEDROOMS 1 1/2 baths, 2-car garage, remodeled. New appliances, close to town, private. \$750 plus utilities. First, last and security, references. Non-smoking, no pets. 989-348-6141 or 989-348-8497. (12/01/05tf/2)

GREAT PLACE 2 bedrooms. Mobile home, 12 x 16 add-on, new windows, double insulated, 2 1/2 car garage. \$450 a month, \$250 security. East M-72 and Stephan Bridge Rd. Phone 989-348-2765. (-1/2)

1 BEDROOM DUPLEX snow plowing, lawn care. Adult, no smoking unit, \$365. Employment and rental references. 808 B Park Street. 348-2178 (10/20/05tf/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom apartment, non smoking, no pets. \$475 plus. 348-4840. (-1-8/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT Brand new, 2 bedroom duplex, all appliances included, range, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, washer, dryer, 2 car garage. M-72 East, corner of Barker Lake Rd., 2 miles from town. No pets, credit references. \$650/month plus \$650 deposit. 989-348-4716. (11/17/05tf/2)

3. Employment

HANSON HILLS Winter help needed. Hiring the following positions: Lift Operators, part-time Maintenance, Concessions, Rental Shop, Ski & Snowboard Instructors. Call 989-348-9266 or visit www.hansonhills.org to download an application. (LR12/08/05/3)

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8. Announcements

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8. Announcements


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December

2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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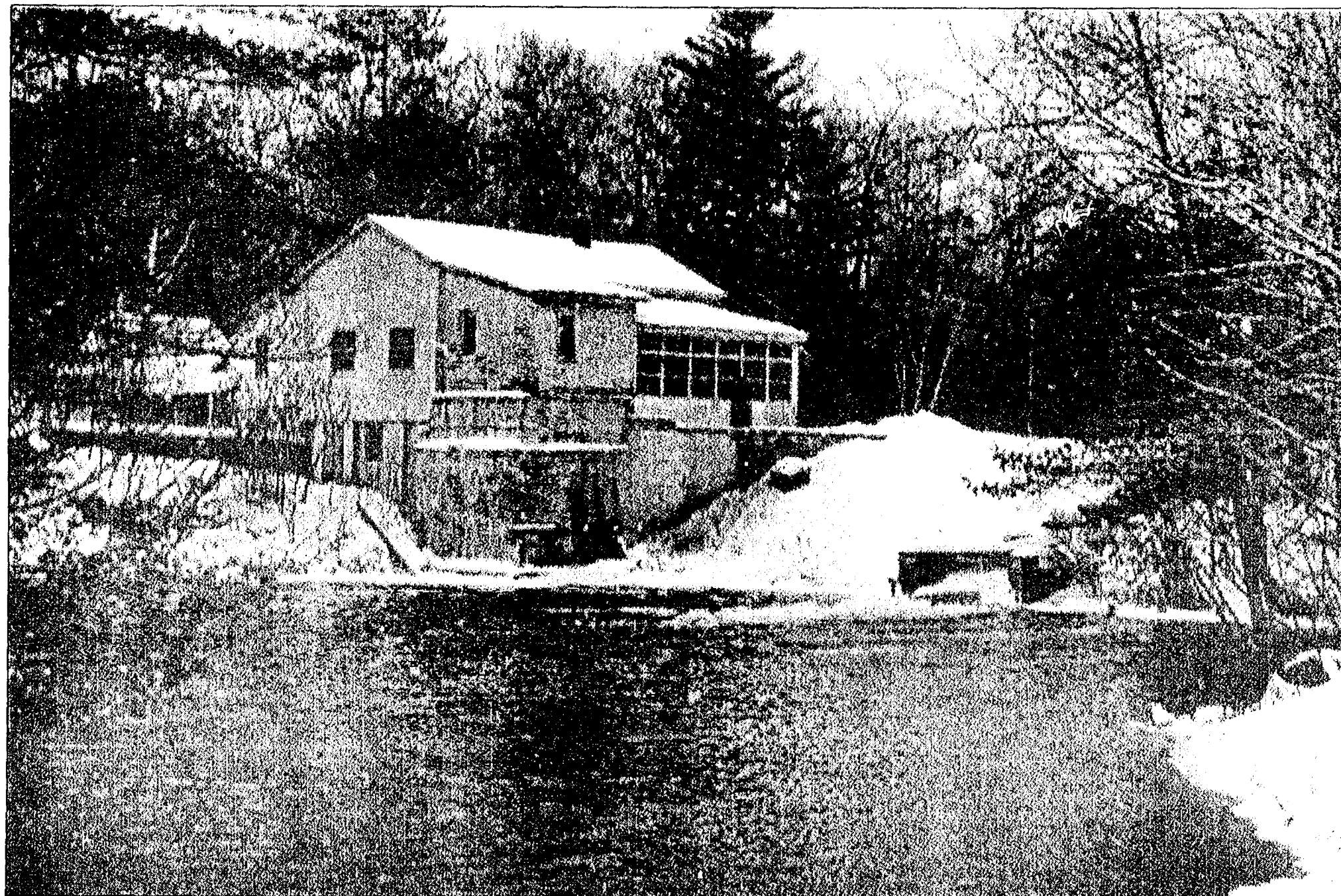
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January							2006
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
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Downtown Grayling

This wide shot of downtown Grayling was taken in the early 1940's. The only business from this era that is still open and practicing at the same location today is Davis Jewelry. The building with the second story bay window was the post office, with the telephone company located upstairs.

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February

2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
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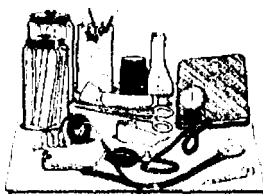
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Greenhouse

This is the inside of the greenhouse which stood on the 500 block of Ingham Street. This site is the modern location of the parking lot for Borchers Canoe Livery. The greenhouse was started by a man named Cook and was later owned and operated by Ernest "Ernie" Borchers and Fred "Dutch" Niederer. It was torn down in the early 40's. The house showing through the window is still standing at 503 Ingham Street.

March

2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <small>Ash Wednesday</small>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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19	20 <small>Spring Begins</small>	21	22	23	24 <small>St. Patrick's Day</small>	25
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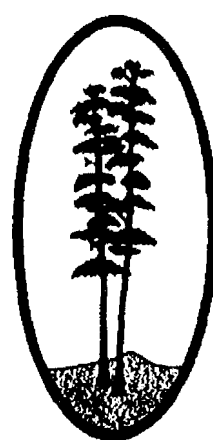


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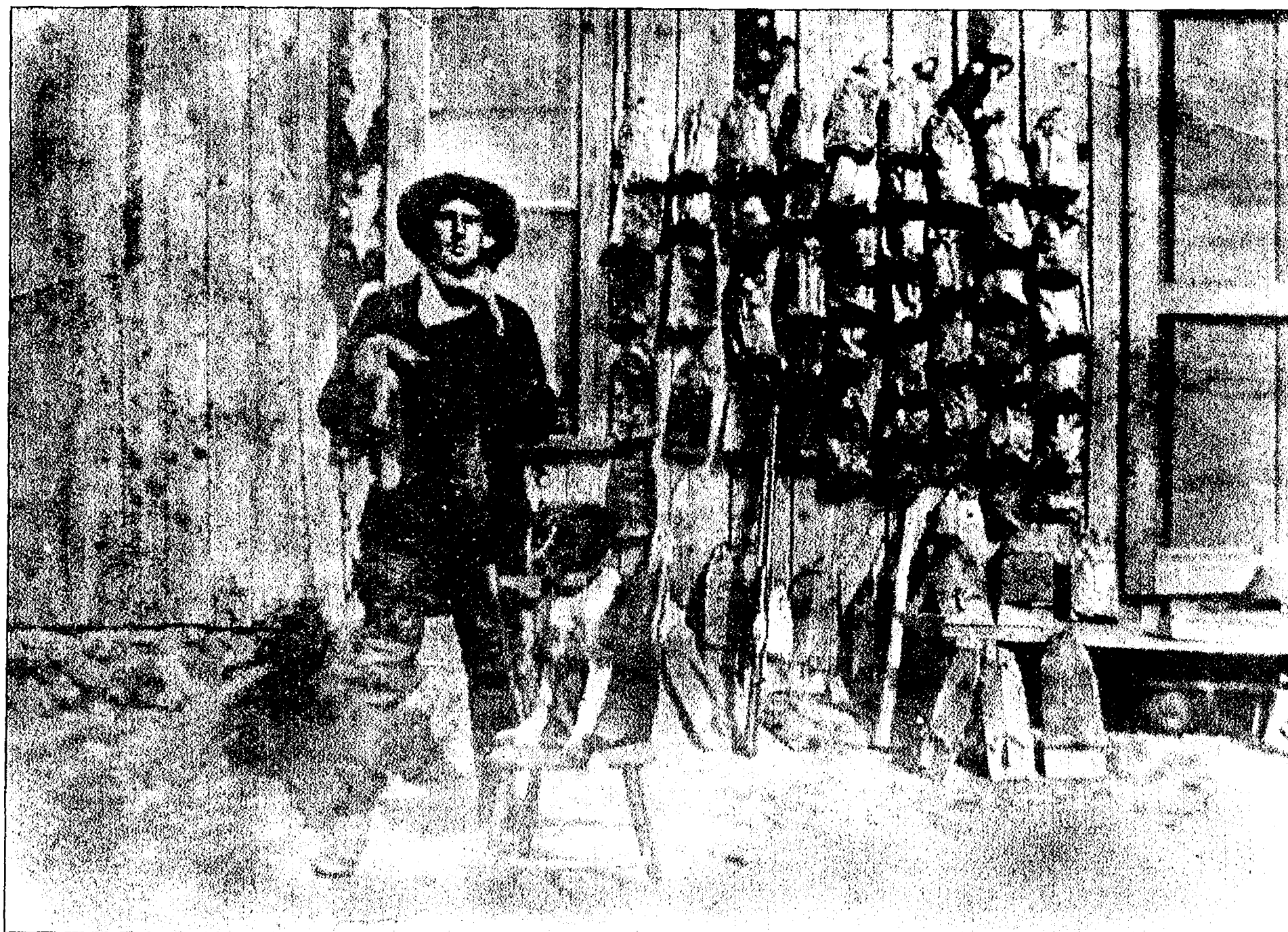


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Clarence Dixon with hunting gear

Clarence Dixon poses with his dog and his hunting and trapping gear. The Dixsons were among the first families to settle in Grayling during the 1800's. The AuSable River was an essential resource for these early settlers.

April

2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 April Fool's Day
2 Daylight Savings Begins	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Palm Sunday	10	11	12	13 Passover	14 Good Friday	15
16 Easter Sunday	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

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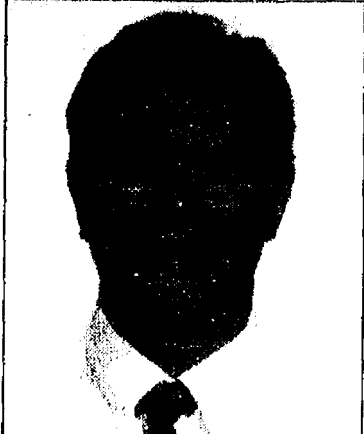
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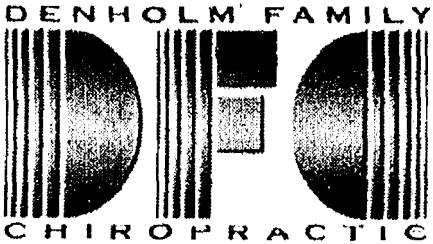
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Train station with roundhouse

This picture, taken in 1917, gives an idea of the scope of the lumbering and railroad operations that were taking place in Grayling at the time. Just to the right of the roundhouse is where the Crawford County Courthouse stands today. The roundhouse burned in July 1939, and within a couple of weeks, the remaining half of the depot was torn down.

May 2006						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
	Memorial Day					



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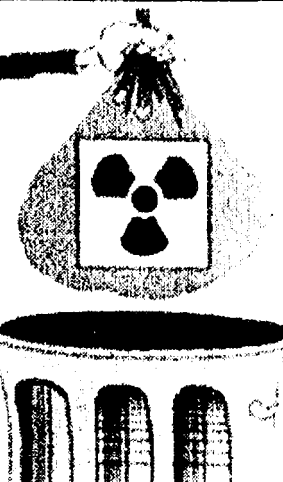
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Ingham Street with water tower

This view from the I-75 Business Loop faces into downtown Grayling. This photo was taken in the '30's or '40's. The pictured bridge over the AuSable River has been completely replaced at least once since the bridge was first built.

June							2006
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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Father's Day			Summer Begins				
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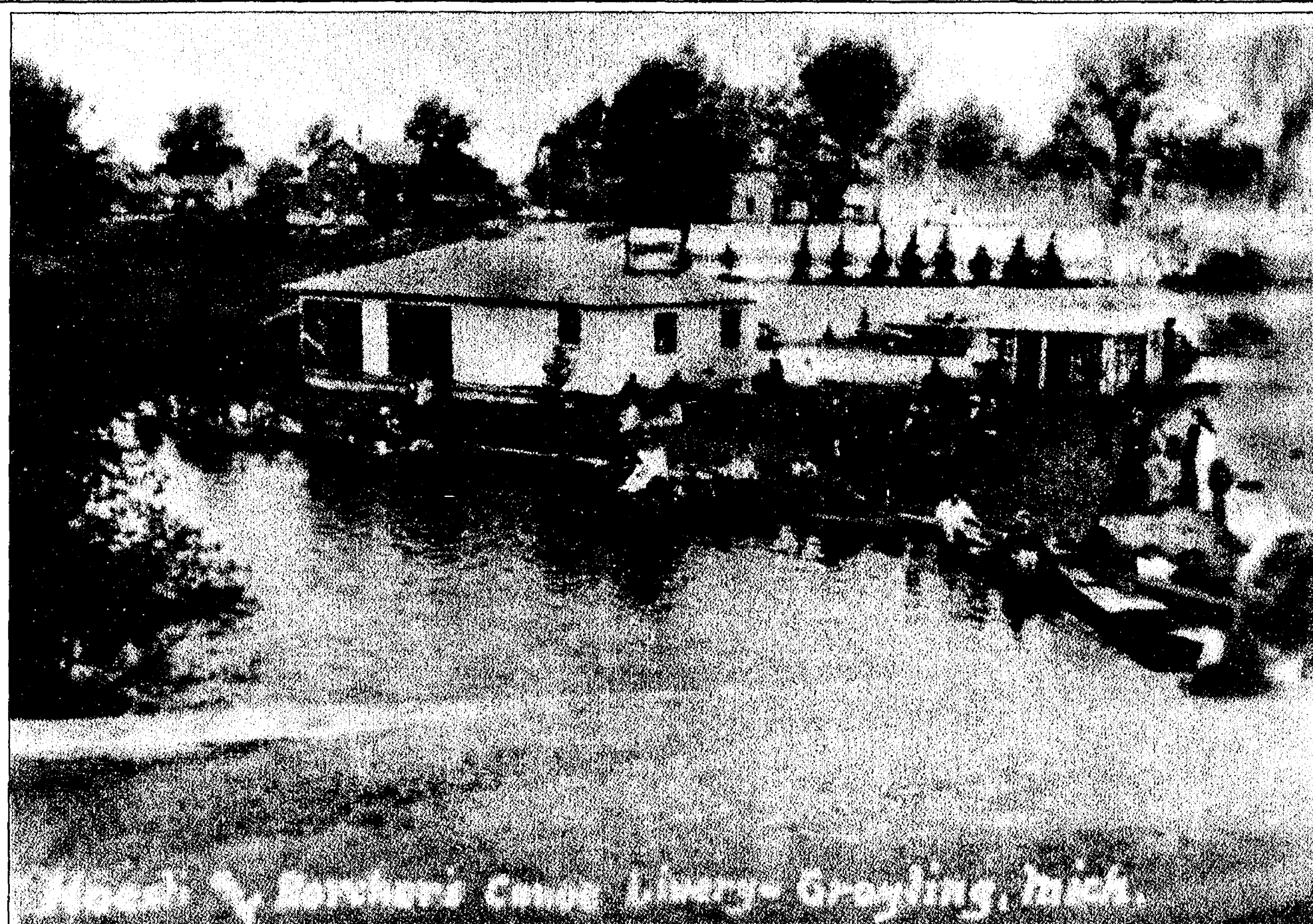
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Borchers Canoe Livery, pictured above, was started in 1936 by Chris Hoesli and Ernest 'Ernie' Borchers, indicating that tourism was important to Grayling even in the first half of the twentieth century. In the beginning, the small building on the right was the entire facility.

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St. Mary's Church Interior

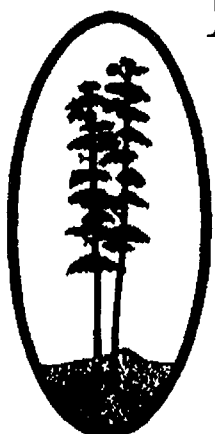
On August 15, 2006, St. Mary's Parish celebrates its 120th anniversary. A Jesuit priest named Rev. Julius Shulack founded the parish in 1886. Here, the interior of St. Mary's Church is shown at its former location on the corner of Lake and Peninsular Streets. The church, at this location, was later torn down. The recently remodeled St. Mary's Church is located at the corner of Lake Street and the I-75 Business Loop.

August

2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Hartwick Pines State Park Events



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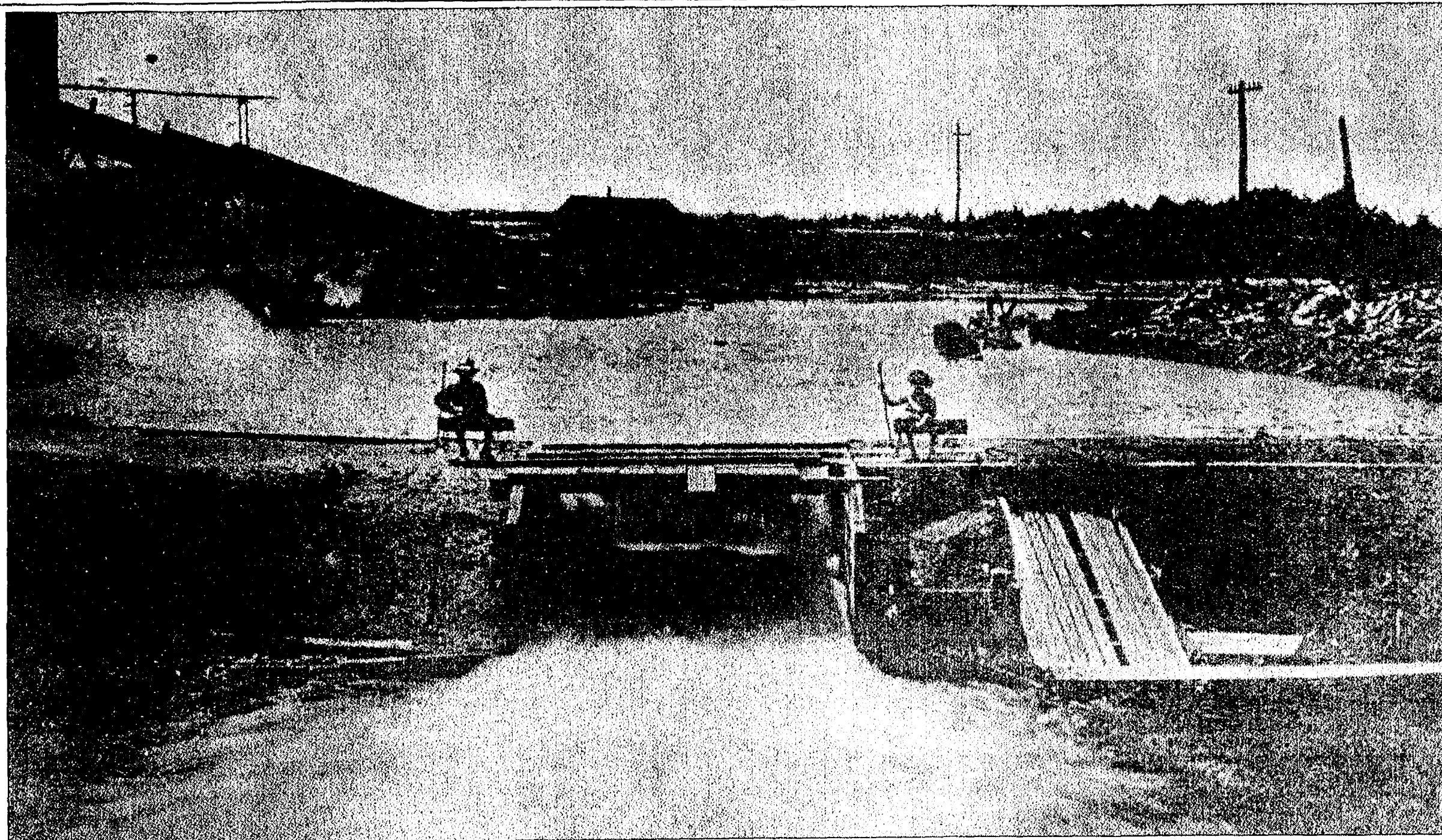
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Sawmill dam

This dam was located next to the modern Grayling City Park. This photo, taken in the late 1800's or early 1900's, shows where there was a major mill nearby. The dam, later rebuilt, was ultimately torn down in 2005.

September						2006
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	Labor Day					
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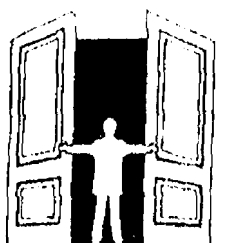
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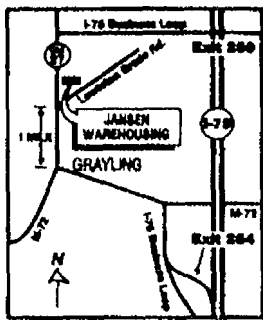
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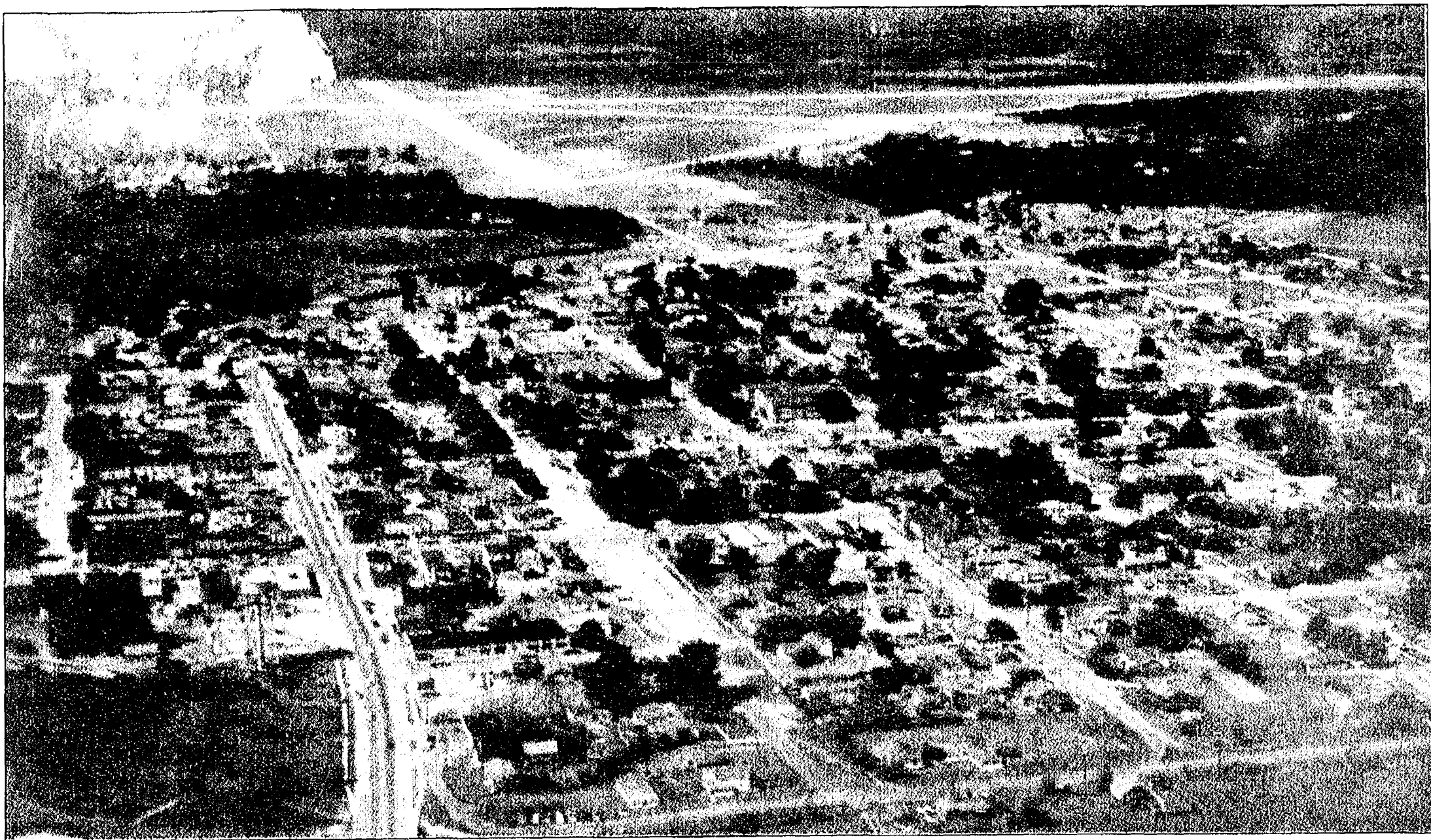
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Aerial view of Grayling

This is an aerial view of Grayling from about 1948. The main road on the left side of the picture became the modern day I-75 Business Loop. Michigan Avenue and the old high school are also visible. The Grayling Army Airfield is on the northern part of the map.

October

2006

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8	9 Columbus Day	10	11	12	13	14
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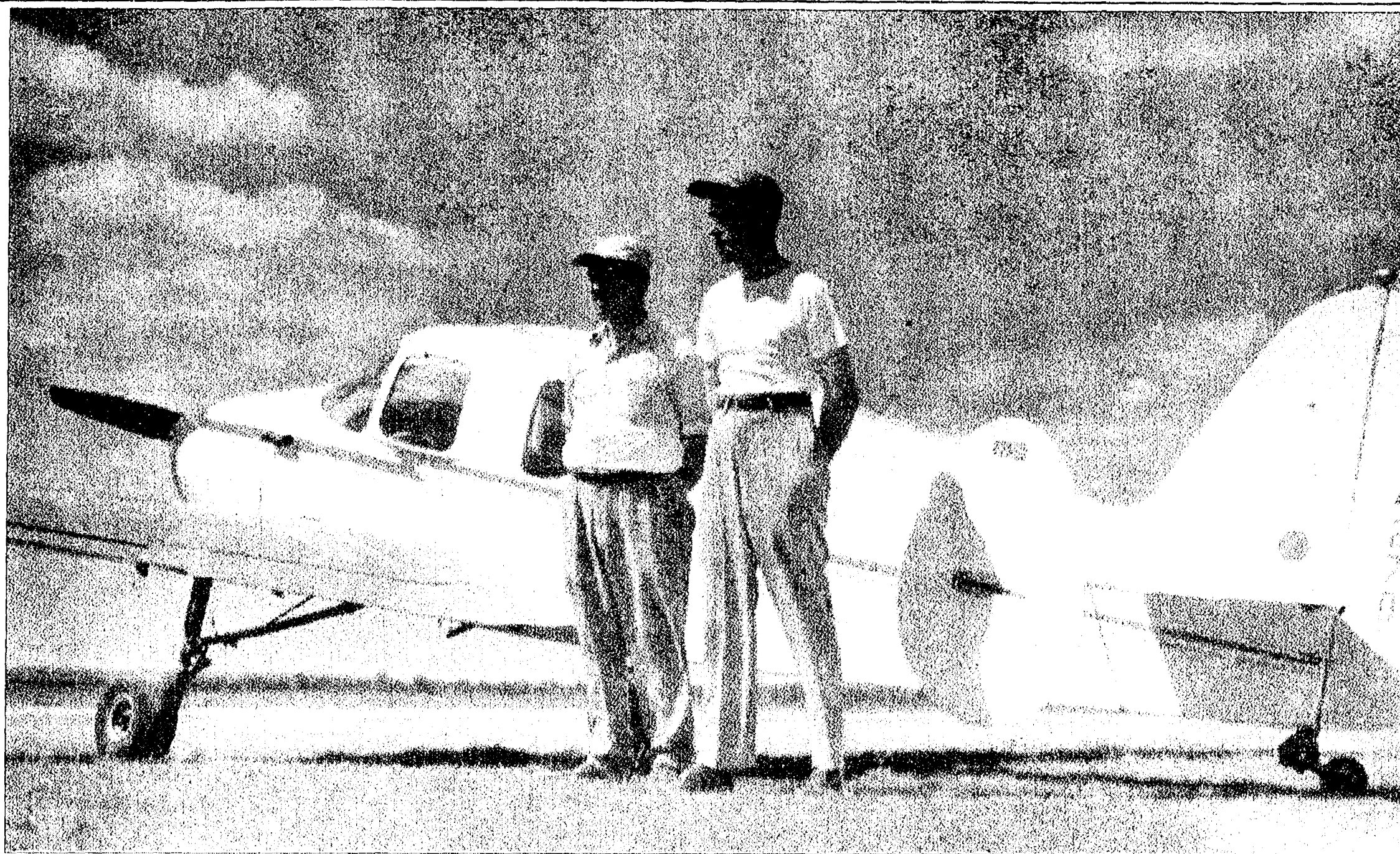
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Grayling Army Airfield

Clayton (left) and Bud McDonnell ran the first civilian air service and flight school at the Grayling Army Airfield when it was opened shortly after World War II. The plane pictured is a Bellanca, one of their six total aircraft.

December

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